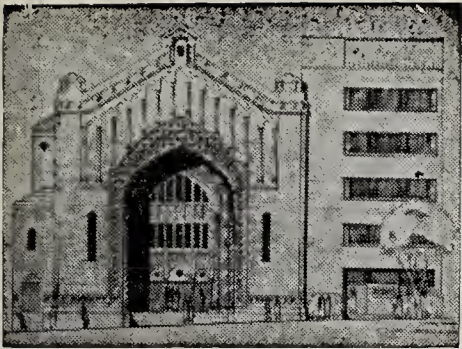


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Rabbi Frank Zimmermann Assist at High Holy Day Services



Rabbi Frank Zimmermann

Rabbi Frank Zimmermann, who will assist Rabbi Nadich during the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, is author, editor and rabbi. He is also a member of the Rabbinical Assembly and the New York Board of Rabbis.

A native of New York City, Dr. Zimmermann is a graduate of the College of the City of New York as well as of The Jewish Theological Seminary where he was a classmate of Rabbi Nadich. He has held pulpits in Bayside, Albany and Kew Gardens where he now lives.

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In Memoriam

Park Avenue Synagogue
(Since September 1959)

- Anna R. Appleman
- Rose Blumenthal
- Ezra Cohen
- Dorothy Cross
- Ronald Eisenberg
- Bertha Gerber
- Beatrice Gevirtz
- Robert H. Jacobs
- Nelson Ruttenberg
- Samuel I. Wick
- Irene Wolf

Sabbath Services Held Through Entire Summer

During July and August, Sabbath services were held regularly each Friday evening and Saturday morning in the air-conditioned Appleman Chapel. A goodly number of people attended, including tourists and visitors from all parts of the United States.

The services were conducted with great dignity and beauty by Hazzan Abraham Friedman, with the noted composer Reuven Kosakoff at the organ. Mr. Solomon E. Green, second vice president of the congregation, was present at most of the services to lead in the English portions and to make various other well received contributions to the quality of the services. Mr. Bert Ackman and Dr. Aaron Giat also participated in the leadership.

The congregation expresses its deep appreciation to them for their faithful and effective conduct of the summer Sabbath services.

High Holy Day Services Begin Wednesday Eve September 21

The High Holy Days this year will begin with the eve of Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday evening, September 21 and with morning services on Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23.

The Kol Nidre service will take place Friday evening, September 30, with Yom Kippur on Saturday, October first.

The Ritual Committee has requested that the attention of members be called to the practice of wearing uniform headgear during the High Holy Days services. Skull caps will be provided, which will not only be more esthetic in appearance, but will also be more comfortable for the wearers. There will be adequate checking facilities. Of course, as always, *talletim* will also be available. The Ritual Committee earnestly requests all gentlemen attending our services during the High Holy Days to wear skull caps and *talletim*.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, September 165:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, September 179:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Steven Peter Heller
son of Mr. and Mrs. James Heller

ROSH HASHANAH

First Evening, Wednesday, September 215:45 P.M.
First Morning, Thursday, September 228:30 A.M.
Second Evening, Thursday, September 225:45 P.M.
Second Morning, Friday, September 238:30 A.M.

SHABBAT SHUVAH — SABBATH OF REPENTANCE

Friday Evening, September 235:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, September 249:30 A.M.

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre, Friday Evening, September 306:30 P.M.
Yom Kippur, Saturday, October 18:30 A.M.
Yizkor Memorial Serviceapproximately 3:00 P.M.

The High Holy Day services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich, Rabbi Frank Zimmermann, Hazzan David J. Putterman and Hazzan Abraham Friedman, together with the Synagogue Choir and Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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Bat Mitzvah May Be Held At Friday Eve Services

Approved by Trustees

At its last meeting before the summer, the Board of Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue accepted unanimously a recommendation from the Ritual Committee that, beginning with the present school year of 1960-61, Bat Mitzvah services may be held on Friday evenings.

In the past, such services have taken place only on Saturday mornings. From now on, the parents of each girl *will have the choice* of having the Bat Mitzvah either on Friday evening or on Saturday morning.

The girl who will be Bat Mitzvah during the Friday evening service will be called upon to chant the Haftarah, to prepare an introduction to it and to lead the congregation in prayer, very much as is the practice during the Saturday morning service. The Friday evening Bat Mitzvah service will be in every way as beautiful and impressive as have been our Bat Mitzvah services on Saturday mornings. Parents who wish to do so may invite their friends and the other worshippers in the congregation on Friday evening for a tea and Oneg Shabbat reception in the Lemberg Auditorium following the Friday evening service.

It is hoped that many parents will see the wisdom of encouraging their daughters to become Bat Mitzvah. The Bat Mitzvah service itself can be a moment of lofty inspiration and of meaningful religious experience that will leave its impress forever upon the girl. In addition, it can serve as a goal and an incentive for Hebrew education. Certainly we feel that our daughters deserve nothing less than our sons, especially in education, religious training and practice.

The rabbi will be happy to discuss the matter with interested parents.

Daily Minyan Service Report by Chairman

The Men's Club Minyan Committee is pleased to report:

- a) That the daily Chapel service was sustained throughout the summer.
- b) That services never commenced without the presence of the traditional quorum of a Minyan.
- c) That with two exceptions services commenced promptly at the appointed hour of 5:45 every evening.
- d) That during the summer more than two hundred men attended the Chapel services, as reflected in the daily attendance records. Members of the synagogue, the Men's Club and a good number of non-members, residents of the community, made up the group.
- e) That in addition to the Minyan, there was an attendance of several women at many of the services.

L. Chester Glaser

Chairman, Minyan Committee

Friday Eve Services Now In Main Synagogue Begin at 5:45 P. M.

After Labor Day each year, our Sabbath services are transferred from the Appleman Chapel to the main synagogue.

Services, as usual, will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with George Crook at the organ. Until November 4, they will take place at 5:45 p.m.

It is hoped that regular worshippers and members of the congregation returning from their summer vacations will once again pick up the thread of regular prayer with the congregation on the Sabbath. We suggest that you set aside Friday evenings for the purpose of family worship together with relatives and friends.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

Appleman Chapel
of the Milton Steinberg House

Under the sponsorship of
the Men's Club

Synagogue Improvements Made Over The Summer

Thanks to the efforts over the summer of our active Arts and Decoration Committee and the House Committee, the Milton Steinberg House has taken on a bright new look.

Under the conscientious supervision of the House Chairman, Mr. Julian Jacobs, many necessary repairs and improvements have been made. The lobby corridors, the ceiling, several classrooms—even the kitchen—have been repainted and look most attractive.

To Mrs. Samuel Lemberg, chairman of Arts and Decoration, the synagogue expresses its appreciation for having arranged for the purchase of fifty new leathered-cushioned chairs. Now there should be sufficient seats for everyone at functions to be held in the Lemberg Auditorium. Under her able supervision, the original chairs have been re-sprayed and the Sisterhood lounge, the lower lobby and the powder room have been re-decorated.

Our gratitude to Mr. Milton J. Selig, a member of the Arts and Decoration Committee, who supervised the mixing of the paints to insure just the right color. His assistance as well as that of Mrs. Sally Victor, a member of the committee, was most helpful.

—RMR

Balcony Pews Have Velvet Cushions

Good news for members whose seats are in the balcony! Deep-pile velvet cushions now pad every pew and add not only to the beauty of the synagogue but to the comfort of the members.

These cushions are exactly the same in quality and color as those in the main synagogue arranged for last year under the gifted supervision of Mrs. Milton M. Sivek.

Rabbi Frank Zimmermann

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He is professor of Biblical Literature at Dropsie College in New York and Philadelphia, with which he has been associated since 1932 and from which he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Articles by Dr. Zimmermann appear in the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia and the Encyclopedia Britannica. He has also written several books, his latest being "The Book of Tobit"

Park Avenue Synagogue As It Looked in 1890



As the High Holy Days approach, the Park Avenue Synagogue will once again open wide its doors to its membership which today numbers approximately eight hundred families.

Several of our first families will recall the early days when, in 1890, early congregants purchased the site at 115 East 86th Street from the Park Avenue Baptist church. The above photo shows the temple as it appeared before our present, beautiful Park Avenue Synagogue was constructed in 1926 at its present

location. The Milton Steinberg House was added in 1954—a memorial to its revered Rabbi Milton Steinberg.

Our synagogue has had four names: Gates of Hope, Agudath Jeshorim, 86th Street Temple, and its present name, Park Avenue Synagogue.

It is interesting to note that the synagogue always maintained a high standard Religious School and that the noted educator, Julia Richman, was one of the first principals of the synagogue then located at 115 East 86th Street.

Mrs. M. Spiegel Heads Sisterhood Federation Drive

Mrs. Marvin Spiegel, chairman of the Park Avenue Sisterhood Federation Drive, announces that the campaign for Federation of Jewish Philanthropies for 1960-1961 will get off to a flying start with an Open Conference to be held on September 27 at the Hotel Astor from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Federation is the one over-all Jewish community ap-

peal for local health and welfare needs.

Mrs. Spiegel will be assisted by Mrs. Paul Bercu, co-chairman; Mrs. Harold Osserman, chairman of Special Gifts; Mrs. Morris M. Cohn, chairman of the Person to Person Drive.

A luncheon meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Spiegel, 144 West 86 St., Wednesday, September 14.

Religious School News

Opening Dates

The Primary Department of the Religious School will open on Sunday, September 18, at 9:45 a.m.

The Hebrew Department will hold its first session on Monday, September 19, at 3:40 p.m.

The High School Department classes will meet for the first time on Sunday, October 2, at 10:30 a.m.

Students who attended the school last year as well as those who have already registered for the current school year will receive new class and room assignments in the mail.

REGISTRATION

The School Office is open for the registration of *new* students in the Religious School. Applications for admission to the Primary Department and the High School Department are being accepted.

Registration may be made by telephone (EN 9-2600) or in person in the School Office between 3:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Members of the congregation are urged to advise their friends and relatives in the community that *children of non-members* may be enrolled.

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES AT JEWISH MUSEUM

High Holy Day Services for the young people and the children of the Congregation will be held, as in previous years, at the Jewish Museum, 92nd Street and Fifth Avenue. The facilities of the Museum have been made available to the Park Avenue Synagogue through the kindness of Dr. Stephen S. Kayser, curator of the Museum.

Services for the students in the Hebrew Department of the Religious School will be conducted by members of the Junior Congregation under the direction and guidance of James Perman of the Teachers' Institute of the Seminary.

Mr. Perman will also conduct a special service for the younger children, aged six to nine, who attend the Primary Department. This service has been planned to give our children who have no ability to read Hebrew an opportunity to participate in a rich emotional and religious experience.

Tickets for the services will be distributed to all students enrolled in the Religious School. Parents may secure tickets for children not in the school by calling the office after 3:00 p.m.

— Martin Leichtling

High Holy Day Greetings to Members of Park Avenue Synagogue

From Rabbi Judah Nadich

Dear Friends,

The High Holy Days will soon see us back from our vacations, happy to greet one another again and to exchange good wishes for the New Year.

With Mrs. Nadich and our daughter, I have just returned from a visit to Israel, Italy, France and England. We were particularly interested in the manifestations of Jewish life in these countries. In Israel we were exhilarated by what we saw; in the European lands we were often depressed. But wherever we went among Jews, we felt that we were members of one people, linked by a common past, sharing many problems of the present, bearers of a common vision and a common destiny. Each Sabbath we worshipped in a different synagogue. None was exactly like ours; some varied greatly in practice and prayer. But in all we felt at home, as did the other American Jewish tourists present. The Torah was there and the *Shema* was read and the Eternal Light glowed.

This kind of experience reinforces the conviction that the Jews are *am ehad baaretz*, one people throughout the world, a unique people. And while many ties forge the unity, not the least is the synagogue which, particularly in a non-Jewish environment, constitutes the citadel of strength or—the metaphor—the magic elixir of vitality and reinvigoration for the Jewish people.

As we gather in our own synagogue during these High Holy Days, let us draw from it a new spiritual sustenance that will fortify our own personal faith and join us all the more strongly to our people everywhere.

My family and Hazzan and Mrs. David J. Putterman join me in extending to you and all your loved ones our fervent good wishes for a New Year of health and happiness—*L'shanah tovah!*

—Judah Nadich

Time For Remembering

What finer occasion than the High Holy Days to present a dear one with a very special gift!

Sisterhood's Gift Shop presents ceremonial and Israeli articles which make charming gifts.

Mrs. Milton Heller, chairman of the Gift Shop, is ready to serve you. Just phone her (AT 9-5500) for an appointment.

From Joseph Howard Katz

As we approach the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we do so in a mood of grateful acknowledgement for the blessings of health and happiness during the past year. All of us have returned from vacationing and the joy of a rest from last year's activities and, in a mood of remembrance, reflection and evaluation, we resolve to dedicate ourselves anew to strive for a greater Park Avenue Synagogue, for a better understanding of our fellow men and for a better world in which all peoples shall live in freedom and peace. My wife and I extend greetings to all our congregants, their families and loved ones, and wish them a healthful and happy New Year—*L' shanah tovah tikva-tevu.*

Joseph Howard Katz
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Study Circles To Meet In Members' Homes

In planning for the coming year, the Adult Education Committee announces that a home study circle will be formed to comprise a maximum of ten couples. At their first meeting, they will decide which book of the Bible they will study under professional guidance. Meetings of the circle will take place twice a month at the homes of the members of the group.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club, which is undertaking this Home Study Circle as a project, cordially invites its own members and other young married couples in the congregation to join. Those interested are urged to communicate as soon as possible with Dr. Herbert Felner, chairman of the Program Committee of the Mr. and Mrs. Club, or with Dr. Julius Leichtling, president of the club.

The Sisterhood, too, will sponsor a similar home study circle for husbands and wives, and invites its members to signify their interest by communicating with the president of the Sisterhood, Mrs. Irwin Rome.

Couples who are not members of either the Mr. and Mrs. Club or the Sisterhood are also cordially invited to join the circles. Those interested may telephone the Rabbi's secretary at the synagogue office, EN 9-2600.

From Jacob Klein

Mrs. Klein and I rejoice in extending to you our cordial wishes for a year of good health, happiness and peace. We pray that this year will be the forerunner of many more years of similar import.

In the month of Elul, the Shofar or trumpet is sounded reminding the faithful that the High Holy Day season and the Days of Awe are approaching, summoning them to arise and prepare to give account of their deeds during the past year.

Maimonides translates the clarion call of the Shofar as follows:

"Awake from your slumbers, ye who have fallen asleep in life, and ponder over your deeds. Remember your Creator and be not of those who miss realities in their pursuit after ephemeral shadows and waste their years seeking after vain things which do not profit or deliver. Look well to your souls and let there be betterment in your acts. Forsake each of you your evil ways and thoughts."

I do not believe that any of our members have evil ways or thoughts, but I do hope and pray that the Almighty confers on every one of them His choicest blessings for long life, good health, happiness and peace.

—Jacob Klein
President

New N. Y. C. Building For Medical Examiner, Dr. Milton Helpern

New York City has erected a new building at 520 First Avenue to house the offices of Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York—Dr. Milton Helpern, a trustee of the Park Avenue Synagogue. The building will be dedicated by Mayor Robert F. Wagner at eleven o'clock on Sept. 18, 1960, at the Second International Meeting on Forensic Pathology and Medicine. Rabbi Judah Nadich will participate in the religious part of the ceremonies.

Dr. Helpern, professor and chairman of the Department of Forensic Medicine at New York University Medical Center, is also president of the Second International Meeting on Forensic Pathology and Medicine.

Lemberg Hall Dedicated At Brandeis University



Samuel and Lucille Lemberg, of New York City, whose gift to Brandeis University made possible the construction of Samuel and Lucille Lemberg Hall.

Recently at Waltham, Massachusetts, Brandeis University dedicated Lemberg Hall, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lemberg, devoted members of our Synagogue.

Lemberg Hall will house the Psychological Counseling Center and Experimental Nursery of Brandeis University. The red brick and glass structure is adjacent to the University's famous castle. One-way window walls will make it possible for students to observe the nursery rooms and children at play without being seen by the youngsters. The nursery will provide a modern center for re-

search activities designed to fathom the mysteries of character and personality formation.

Mr. Lemberg, a trustee of the Park Avenue Synagogue, is a national vice-chairman of the Brandeis University Fellows as well as trustee-at-large of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. He is also a distinguished leader of the United Jewish Appeal. Mrs. Lemberg, too, has rendered invaluable service to the Synagogue. At present she is chairman of the Arts and Decoration Committee and is responsible for the decorating improvements made at the synagogue over the summer. —RMR

Federation urges you to attend its one-day institute on "Techniques of Community Service" to be held at Hotel Astor, Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 9:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m. Three dollar registration fee at hotel includes luncheon.

Sisterhood News

Open Meeting, Sept. 20

The President of Sisterhood, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, extends greeting to all members of Sisterhood and their families and hopes they have enjoyed a very healthful and happy summer and looks forward to greeting them at the first Open Meeting of the season.

This will be held on Tuesday, September 20, at 12 noon in the Lemberg Auditorium of the Synagogue. Luncheon will be served and a special treat is in store for all those who attend. Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich will discuss their recent trip to Israel and Europe, and we are sure you would like to be among the first to hear of their experiences. They will speak on "Synagogue Worship and Rituals in Foreign Lands."

Luncheon-Theater Party

Sisterhood's annual donor Luncheon and Theatre Party will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 1960. Luncheon at the Sheraton Astor Hotel will be followed by a matinee at the Majestic Theatre—*Camelot*, a musical by Lerner and Loewe, based on the legend of King Arthur. The stars of the show are Richard Burton and Julie Andrews. Also in the cast are Roddy McDowall, Mel Dowd, Robert Goulet and Robert Coote. The producers are Alan Jay Lerner, Frederick Loewe and Moss Hart. The play is directed by Moss Hart. Dances are by Hanya Holm, of "My Fair Lady" fame.

Fabulous prizes are also in store for that day—a diamond and platinum pin and a double-strand cultured pearl necklace.

Books for this day will soon be in the mail.

—Ethel B. Altschul

Are You Interested In Hebrew-Speaking Group?

In a congregation as large as ours, it is obviously impossible to know the abilities and interests of all our members and their families.

One of the members of our congregation recently suggested to the rabbi the possibility of organizing a Hebrew-speaking circle which would meet once monthly at the homes of its members. Those interested in the formation of such a group are asked to communicate with Rabbi Nadich.

Men's Club Plans Brunch And Election Meeting

The Men's Club will launch its activities for the coming year with a brunch on Sunday morning, September 18, at 10:30 a.m. The occasion will serve a dual purpose—that of welcoming the men who have recently joined the synagogue and of serving as a get-together for old members of the club. It is sincerely hoped that new members will avail themselves of the opportunity to meet the members of the club and to acquaint themselves with the wide range of interests the club offers its members.

Election Showcase Meeting

The Election Showcase Meeting, again this season an important feature on the Men's Club program, will be held on Tuesday evening, October 25, at 8:30 p.m. Because of the importance of the national campaign issues, Men's Club plans to have only two major speakers so that each will have ample time to present his party's platform. To this meeting, ladies are cordially invited. Following the meeting, a collation will be served.

Project Cadillac

The only fund-raising project of the club will soon result in some fortunate person's becoming the proud owner of a 1960 Cadillac. We urge you to obtain your tickets before November. For additional tickets, please contact Mr. Archie Richman by leaving a message for him at the Synagogue office.

— Jacob Boorstein

Mr. - Mrs. Club Treasure Hunt Dance - Nov. 5

A revitalized and enthusiastic Mr. and Mrs. Club will launch its first major event of the season on Saturday night, November 5, with a Treasure Hunt Dance Party.

Our members have been busy obtaining myriads of worthy prizes including radios, a weekend at Grossinger's, a pearl necklace, a crystal chandelier, a Sally Victor hat creation, an ultra-violet lamp, free car rental, a Bulova watch and many, many other gifts. Many of our congregants have generously donated these gifts, and we are happy to say that they have also supported us in purchasing the tickets at the modest price of fifty cents each. This evening of fun is open to the entire congregation, new members and their friends.

— Julius J. Leichtling

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennet upon the birth of a grandson, Michael Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Druss upon the marriage of their son, Dr. Richard Druss, to Margery Kramer.

Mr. and Mrs. Selig Edelman upon the birth of a granddaughter, Cornelia Selina. Congratulations, too, upon their fiftieth anniversary.

Judge and Mrs. Abraham N. Geller upon the marriage of their daughter, Judith, to Donald S. Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heller upon their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Meyer Kaplan upon the engagement of her daughter, Judith to Dr. Elliot I. Greenberg.

Dr. and Mrs. William Karmiol upon the birth of a grandchild, Douglas Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leichtling upon the marriage of their daughter, Ann, to Ronald A. Hirsch.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mittenthal upon the birth of a grandson, John.

Mr. and Mrs. David Picket upon the marriage of their son, Joel, to Joan Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Platt upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Shy Rosen upon the marriage of their daughter, Donna, to Samuel Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Peter Rubenstein upon their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sabsevit upon the engagement of their daughter, Judith Barbara to Melvin L. Meisel.

Dr. Albert Salomon upon the marriage of his daughter, Hannah R. to Myron N. Janovsky.

Mrs. Estelle Zuckerman upon the birth of a grandson, Jonathan H. Rodin.

Condolences

Mrs. Jacob W. Boorstein upon the death of her brother, Rabbi Joseph L. Baron of Milwaukee.

Mrs. Anna K. Edelman upon the death of her son, Harold Edelman.

Mr. Milton Heller upon the death of his brother, Sidney Heller.

Mrs. Samuel I. Wick upon the death of her husband, Samuel Wick.

Hebrew Course Will Be Continued If Enough Interest Is Shown

This past school year, at the request of a number of mothers of children in the first grade of our Hebrew School, a class was formed under the joint sponsorship of the Parents Association and of the Adult Education Committee to enable mothers to study Hebrew. The class which met once weekly in the afternoon was taught by a member of our faculty, Mrs. Milton Finkel. The women learned so rapidly and so enthusiastically that the course was extended to the end of the school year.

For the coming year, the Adult Education Committee is planning the continuation of this course for the same mothers and for any others who would like to join for second-year study of Hebrew. In addition, if enough interest is shown, a new class will be formed for mothers of children who are entering the first grade in the Hebrew School this fall. Of course, other women are welcome as well. Women who would like to take this course are asked to indicate their interest by writing to the Rabbi's secretary at the synagogue office, 50 East 87 Street.

Fathers need not feel neglected. A similar course in elementary Hebrew will be sponsored for fathers of children in the Hebrew School and for all men who would like to master quickly the reading of Hebrew together with making a beginning in conversational Hebrew. This course will be given provided a minimum of fifteen men indicate their interest. They can do so by writing or telephoning the Rabbi's secretary at the synagogue office.

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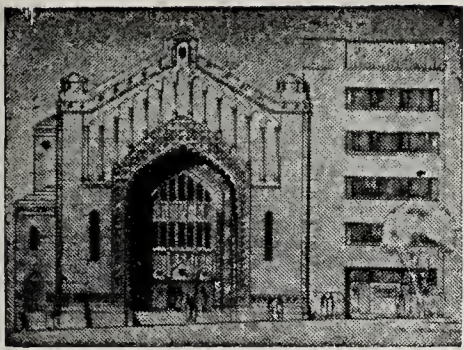
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Rabbi Nadich To Give Saturday Afternoon Course

Rabbi Nadich will give a course in "Great Jewish Books" on seven Saturday afternoons from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m., from October 15 to November 26.

The discussions will treat such literary creations as the Bible, the Talmud, the prayer book, the Commentary of Rashi, Maimonides' "Guide to the Perplexed", the Zohar, the *Shulhan Arukh*, Graetz' "History of the Jews", "The Jewish State" by Theodor Herzl, and the poetry of Bialik.

In order to get as much as possible from the discussions, the men and women attending the course will be encouraged to read collaterally the book entitled "The Great Jewish Books" edited by Samuel Caplan and Harold U. Ribalow.

A cordial invitation is extended to the members of our congregation to attend this seven-week series on Saturday afternoons.

Synagogue Honors Three Leaders At Simhat Torah Service

At the Simhat Torah service on Friday morning, October 14, at 9:30 a.m., Mrs. Solomon E. Green, Mr. Milton M. Sivek and Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer will be honored by the Park Avenue Synagogue for leadership service rendered to the congregation and to the community.

These awards are bestowed each year on this occasion by the Board of Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue upon members of the congregation who have served with distinction in Jewish affairs. The awards are regarded as being among the highest honors conferred by the congregation, and a list of recipients may well be regarded as an honor roll of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Mr. Milton M. Sivek has been named *Hatan Torah*, Bridegroom of the Torah, and will be called to the Torah for the ceremonial reading of the last verses in the Five Books of Moses.

Mrs. Solomon E. Green, designated as *Kalah Mafteret*, Bride of the Prophetic Message, will be summoned for the reading of the Prophetic portion of the day. The practice of honoring a woman for her Jewish achievements was inaugurated in our synagogue a number of years ago.

Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer will be called to the Torah as *Hatan Bereshit*, Bridegroom of the Beginning, for the ceremonial reading of the opening verses of the Five Books of Moses which begins once again the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah.

Artistically illuminated scrolls marking the honors given them will be presented to Mrs. Green, Mr. Sivek and Dr. Wimpfheimer.

Immediately following the service the congregation will be invited to a *Kiddush* reception in the Lemberg Auditorium in tribute to the three guests of honor.

Schedule of Religious Services

SUKKOT SERVICES

Wednesday evening, October 5	5:45 p.m.
Thursday morning, October 6	9:30 a.m.
Thursday evening, October 6	5:45 p.m.
Friday morning, October 7	9:30 a.m.

INTERMEDIATE SABBATH OF SUKKOT

Friday evening, October 7	5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, October 8	9:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Rosenberg
son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Rosenberg**

(Kiddush will be served in the Sukkah after each of the preceding services)

CLOSING DAYS OF FESTIVAL

Shemini Atzeret Eve, Wednesday, October 12	5:45 p.m.
Shemini Atzeret, Thursday, October 13	9:30 a.m.

Yizkor Memorial Service

Simhat Torah Eve, Thursday, October 13	5:30 p.m.
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CONSECRATION OF NEW STUDENTS

Simhat Torah, Friday, October 14	9:30 a.m.
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HONORING OF THREE CONGREGANTS

Mrs. Solomon E. Green, Mr Milton M. Sivek, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer

Reception following service, in Lemberg Auditorium

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, October 14	5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, October 15	9:30 a.m.
Friday evening, October 21	5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, October 22	9:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Lawrence S. Zacharias
son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Zacharias**

Rabbi Judah Nadich will preach at each festival and Sabbath morning service and will conduct the services with Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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Late Friday Services Begin Nov. 4, 8:30 P.M.

Our congregants are reminded that our season of late Friday evening services will commence on November 4 at 8:30 p.m.

We urge them to make each Friday evening "synagogue night" and to come to the services regularly with the members of their families for the purpose of family worship together with relatives and friends.

Memorial Gifts

At the Yizkor Service during Yom Kippur, Rabbi Nadich expressed the gratitude of the Park Avenue Synagogue for a beautiful Torah cover made by Mrs. Anna Edelman and presented to the synagogue in memory of her son, Harold.

The synagogue also expresses its appreciation to the donors of gifts made to the synagogue during the past year in memory of their dear ones: Mrs. Lester Martin for a memorial window in memory of her husband; friends of Nelson Ruttenberg for a memorial window in his memory; Mr. Nathan Appleman for a memorial tablet in memory of his mother, Anna R. Appleman; Lawrence A. Hyman for a tablet in memory of his wife, Peggy Hyman; Mrs. David Hoexter for prayer books for the junior congregation, in memory of her husband; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Krinsky for junior prayer books in memory of Jacob and Sophie Siris.

Adult Education Program For The Current Season Colonel Irvin Waldman - Chairman

Colonel Irvin Waldman, chairman of the Committee on Adult Education, has announced that the 1960-61 Adult Education program will soon begin, and invites the men and women interested in any particular study activity to notify the synagogue office of their intention to join a particular class or group.

Wide Interest in Seminars

Widespread interest in our Adult Education program was stimulated by the appearance of an article by Rabbi Judah Nadich entitled "Seminars for Special Interest Groups" in the Summer 1960 issue of *Adult Jewish Education*, a quarterly journal published by the National Academy for Adult Jewish Studies of the United Synagogue of America. In this article, Rabbi Nadich described the seminars he has conducted during the past two years for the judges and lawyers and for the doctors and the businessmen of our congregation. The seminar methods and techniques were described, and a complete listing of the material used in the several seminars was given together with a complete bibliography so that similar seminars might be conducted elsewhere on the basis of the article.

Courses in Hebrew

A women's course in Hebrew for Beginners will start its weekly meetings with Mrs. Milton Finkel on Tuesday, November 1, at 1:30 p.m.

Second Year Hebrew, a continuation of the past year's highly successful and popular course for women, will meet with Mrs. Finkel for the first time this year on Wednesday, October 19, at 1:30 p.m.

A Beginners' Course in Hebrew for men will be given evenings, and all those interested are requested to telephone the Rabbi's secretary as soon as possible.

Home Study Groups

Home Study Circles with a maximum of ten couples in each group will be formed for the study of a book of the Bible. The Sisterhood and the Mr. and Mrs. Club are each sponsoring a Circle; the first Mr. and Mrs. Club group has already been formed. These groups will meet twice a month at the homes of members of the group. Couples interested in joining such a Bible Home Study Circle are asked to communicate with either Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, president of the Sisterhood, at RE 7-1224, or with Dr. Herbert Felner at PL 5-0871.

Hebrew Speaking Circle

Members of the congregation who would be interested in joining a Hebrew-speaking circle whose programs would be conducted entirely in Hebrew are invited to communicate with Rabbi Nadich.

A new Saturday afternoon lecture and discussion group is referred to in another story in this issue of the BULLETIN.

Guest Speakers

The Committee on Adult Education will also continue last year's successful practice of inviting guest speakers to offer lectures at monthly intervals on Friday evenings in the Lemberg Auditorium following the regular religious services. Each lecture will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat tea and a discussion period. Further information about each lecture will be given in future issues of the BULLETIN.

Original Bible Restored By Mrs. Edward Peiper

The original *Book of Holy Scriptures* used in the main synagogue was rebound over the summer in beautiful, blue leather, and its pages were restored to perfect condition.

This was undertaken by Mrs. Edward Peiper, daughter of the late Jacob Friedman, Jr. who had presented the Bible to the synagogue then called Congregation Agudath Jeshorim. "Uncle Jacob", as he was affectionately known by his fellow members, joined the synagogue as early as 1902. In 1918 he became president, an office which he held until 1948. From then until his death in 1957, "Uncle Jacob" served as honorary president with devotion and love.

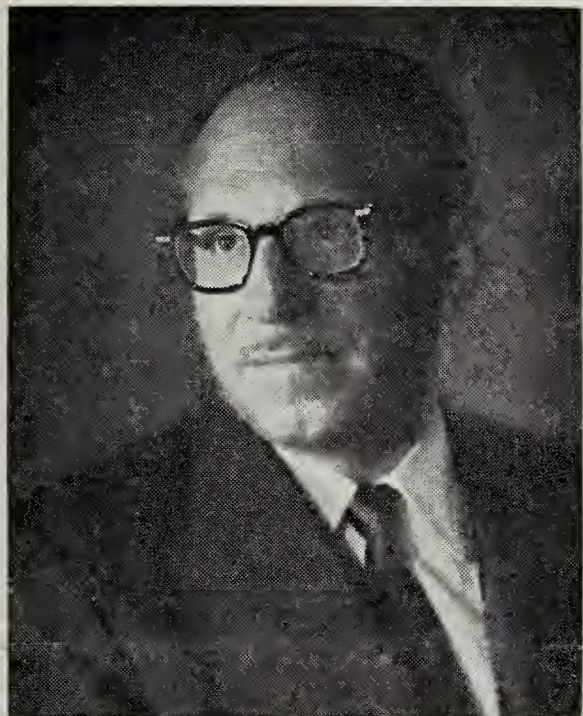
We are indeed grateful to Mrs. Peiper for restoring the Bible so beautifully.

YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE Thursday, October 13

Congregants are reminded that during the Shemini Atzeret services on Thursday morning, October 13, Yizkor Memorial Prayers will be said.

You will find Memorial Cards enclosed with the current issue of the Bulletin.

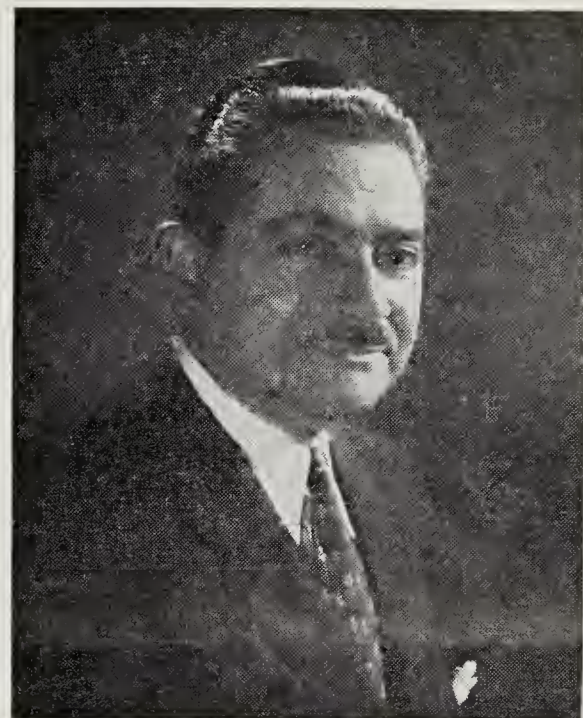
Those Whom We Honor at Simhat Torah Service Friday, October 14



MILTON M. SIVEK
Hatan Torah



MRS. SOLOMON E. GREEN
Kalah Mafteret



DR. SEYMOUR WIMPFHEIMER
Hatan Bereshit

Milton M. Sivek has been a member of Park Avenue Synagogue for fifteen years, and from the beginning has been active in the leadership of the congregation and in the Men's Club. At the present time he is the treasurer of the synagogue and a member of its Board of Trustees. He serves as chairman of the Planning Committee and, in spite of his busy professional life, finds time to participate in the membership of the Finance Committee, the Welfare Fund Committee and the Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests. Interested in the religious education of young people and in their identification with the synagogue and Jewish life, he is also a member of the School Board, the Scholarship Fund Committee and the Committee on Youth Activities.

His record of leadership in the congregation includes service in earlier years as associate treasurer, as a member of the Advisory Council and of the Adult Education Committee.

He enjoyed the privilege of having been one of the initial group of thirty-five men invited, in the spring of 1948, to the home of the late Rabbi Milton Steinberg to discuss the possibility of organizing a men's club at the Park Avenue Synagogue. From the very start, he showed his leadership capacity by serving as secretary *pro tem* of the steering committee which organized the Men's Club. In subsequent years he was elected treasurer and vice-president of

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Belle (Mrs. Solomon E.) Green has led an active life and has made contributions in many areas of Judaism. She comes by her interest in Jewish affairs rightfully, her maternal grandfather having been a rabbi in Indianapolis and McKeesport, and her father having been president of synagogues both in Akron and in New York.

She is the immediate past president of the Sisterhood of the Park Avenue Synagogue, having served as Sisterhood president for two years. She is now in her second term as chaplain of the Sisterhood and has given much thought to making this office a very meaningful one.

Her varied activities in the Sisterhood have included many aspects of Sisterhood's program. For two years she was co-chairman of the annual luncheon and theater party. She has served as chairman of the nominating committee and as a member of the Sisterhood's committees for UJA, Federation, budget and program, and has been in charge of table decorations for the annual luncheon last year and will again serve as Chairman of Decorations at the forthcoming luncheon in December. She has frequently offered her hospitality as a hostess in her home, the latest instance being the Sisterhood membership tea.

Belle has participated in various Park Avenue Synagogue functions, and has served as chairman of the synagogue Seder and as co-chairman of the Adult Education Committee.

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Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer has won the affection of many people in his career of service to the synagogue, the Jewish people and mankind. He has been affiliated with the Park Avenue Synagogue since the present building was constructed. Members of his family are all active participants in the various programs of the synagogue and its school. At present, he is first vice-president of the congregation and a member of the Board of Trustees on which he served as vice-chairman.

A member of many committees of the congregation, Dr. Wimpfheimer is a loyal and faithful attendant at all the various meetings in spite of his busy professional career. He is especially interested in the education of young people and in youth guidance, and has never shirked any responsibility in this direction or any other. Frequently he graces the pulpit with his presence at Sabbath and holiday services. He looks upon the congregation as constituting a genuine family and is eager to further the sense of friendship that unites all its members.

He has served Israel and the cause of the Jewish people in many ways. Some three and a half years ago, at a dinner given in his honor, he was awarded a citation by the United Jewish Appeal. He has been interested in many other communal activities, including the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and various hospital and educational projects.

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Religious School News of Special Interest To Parents and Students

Registration

The School Office will continue to accept the registration of new students in the Religious School until Monday, October 10. Registration may be made by telephone (EN 9-2600) or in person at the School Office between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Members of the congregation are urged to advise their friends and relatives in the community that *children of non-members* may be enrolled.

The Primary Department which meets on Sunday morning will register students from the Kindergarten through the Third Grade.

The Hebrew Department which meets three days a week will enroll all students who will be nine years of age by April 1, 1961.

The High School Department has held its first session on Sunday, October 2, at 10:30 a.m. This department will accept all students who attend a secondary school. No previous religious education is required for admission.

High School Courses

The Prophets—2 credits—10:30 a.m. a study of the role of the prophets in Jewish life and their contributions to mankind with special emphasis on Isaiah and Jeremiah. George Zeitlin, instructor.

The History of the Jews—2 credits—11:30 a.m.—a study of the process of Jewish development from the Second Commonwealth to modern times within the framework of world history. George Zeitlin, instructor.

Elementary Hebrew—2 credits—10:30 a.m.—for students who have little or no knowledge of Hebrew. James Lewisohn, instructor.

Intermediate or Advanced Hebrew—2 credits—11:30 a.m.—the instruction will be geared to the level of the students. James Lewisohn, instructor.

Students may register for one or two courses. All students who earn eight credits over a period of two or three years will be awarded certificates of graduation from the High School.

Consecration Service To Honor New Students

Consecration Services honoring the new students who have entered the first grade of the Hebrew Department of the Religious School will be held at the synagogue in conjunction with the Simhat Torah service on Monday evening, October 13, at 5:30 p.m.

The new students will be presented to Rabbi Nadich and the members of the congregation by Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the School Board. Rabbi Nadich will bless the students and will give each of them a miniature Torah scroll and an inscribed certificate to commemorate the event. The parents of our new students will then repeat the blessing giving thanks that their children have reached this significant moment in their lives—the beginning of their formal Hebrew education.

Refreshments and holiday flags will be distributed to all the children who attend the services.

— Martin Leichtling

Milton Sivek

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the club. In 1953, his confreres honored him by electing him president of the Men's Club, an office which he held for four years with distinction.

In the larger community, he has carried on his interest in men's clubs and in Jewish youth by serving as a member of the Metropolitan Regional Board of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Camp Ramah in Connecticut.

His interest in Jewish life was manifested even in his adolescent years when he was an eager participant in Zionist youth organizations. Some years later he became active in the American Jewish Congress and in his early twenties was elected chairman of its Manhattan Youth Division.

A graduate of the College of the City of New York, he is a certified public accountant and heads his own firm. His work and service are recognized in various professional and business organizations. During World War II, he served with the Audit Section of the U. S. Army.

For his service to the synagogue, Mr. Sivek has been selected for the honor of *Hatan Torah* for Simhat Torah 5721.

Belle Green

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In the wider community, her story of service is a full one. Before moving to New York, she was president of sisterhoods in Decatur and Rockford, Illinois, and president of the Council of Jewish Women in the former city where she also served as a member of the mayor's advisory committee. In the same community, she was volunteer principal of a religious school and secretary of the Art Commission for the city. She is very much involved in the work of the Women's League of Tranquillity of New York City, and is at present vice-president, chaplain and program chairman.

Although she has worked for causes too numerous to mention, she has found time to develop her own talents in music, writing and teaching. Belle is a graduate of Western Reserve University and has also taken courses at the Baldwin-Wallace Law School, Columbia School of Journalism and the New School. In addition, she has studied music and art.

For her many years of service in many areas of Jewish and communal life, and with particular recognition of her leadership in the Sisterhood and the congregation, Mrs. Solomon E. Green has been chosen as *Kalah Mafteret* for Simhat Torah 5721.

Seymour Wimpfheimer

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A graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, Dr. Wimpfheimer also studied in Vienna and in Berlin. His hospital affiliations include Mount Sinai and Montefiore. His medical societies are the New York Obstetrical Society, New York Academy of Medicine, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. A skilled doctor, his forte lies not only in his practice of medicine but in his perception and understanding of human beings. He is marked by true humility.

For his service to the community, to the Jewish people and to Jewish religion and education, Dr. Wimpfheimer has been named as *Hatan Bereshit* for Simhat Torah 5721.

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Sisterhood News

Federation Script Will Be Shown

On Tuesday, October 18, Sisterhood's open meeting will feature a panel discussion of Federation agencies. Mrs. Marvin Spiegel, Sisterhood chairman for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, is pleased to announce that at the meeting on Tuesday, October 18, an original script will be presented showing Federation's Community Services in action. Mrs. Edward Peiper will be the moderator of "Community Relations in Action". A foster parent, a court worker from the Jewish Board of Guardians, and a Golden Ager from a Federation YMHA will give accounts of the way these Federation agencies function to serve the community.

It is the hope of Mrs. Spiegel and her committee which includes Mrs. Paul Bercu, Mrs. Morris M. Cohn and Mrs. Harold Osserman, that you and your friends will come to see one of Sisterhood's major projects in action.

Luncheon-Theater Party

By this time, all Sisterhood members and friends have received their books for the annual luncheon and theater party. The sale or purchase of each twenty-five dollar book entitles you to a wonderful afternoon—luncheon at the Hotel Astor and a matinee ticket for a hit musical show. The big day is Wednesday, December 7.

Maintaining its tradition of presenting the best in entertainment, Sisterhood has chosen *Camelot*, already selected as one of the hit shows of the current season. A New York Post columnist has recently said: "They're already saying that *Camelot* will be even greater than *My Fair Lady*."

To be sure that a seat is reserved for you, send your check now to Mrs. Paul Bercu, treasurer of the luncheon, 70 East 10 Street, New York 3.

An Omission

Through an error, the name of Mrs. Edward Peiper was inadvertently omitted from the list of Sisterhood past presidents published in the June BULLETIN. For many years, Mrs. Peiper has been one of Sisterhood's most devoted members. Her mother, Mrs. Jacob Friedman, also is a past president and is now serving as an honorary past president.

—Ethel B. Altschul

Men's Club News

Election Showcase Meeting

This year's Election Show Case Meeting of the Men's Club, which is to be held on Tuesday evening, October 25, at 8:30 p.m. promises to be most interesting. Instead of the customary parade of political hopefuls—candidates for minor office—there will be only two major speakers, men in the upper echelons of their party's ranks who will present the dominant issues of the campaign and their plans to meet these issues. The names of the speakers cannot be announced at this time, but they will be men who can speak with authority.

In addition, the two candidates for Congress from the Seventeenth District, Mr. Vanden Heuvel, Democrat, and Mr. John V. Lindsay, Republican, will address the audience. Both are personable young men and fine speakers who are conducting a very hot campaign.

To this important meeting, ladies are cordially invited. Refreshments in accordance with the high standards of the Men's Club will be served at the close of the meeting.

Project Cadillac

The 1960 Cadillac, the Men's Club prize in its only fund-raising project, will be selected at the Men's Club meeting on November 22. This is the date for which you have long waited. Perhaps you will be the fortunate new owner of a shiny, new Cadillac.

Brunch Well Attended

We are happy to report that the Men's Club Brunch on September 18, was highly successful. In the friendly atmosphere of the post-summer get-together of the old-timers, the new members of the synagogue were welcomed as honored guests. It was very gratifying to see the number of new members who attended and who expressed their desire to join the group.

—Jacob W. Boorstein

An Explanation

Due to the illness of the grandfather of Mark H. Swartz, the Bar Mitzvah which Mark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Swartz, had originally scheduled at the Park Avenue Synagogue on October 15, has been transferred to Congregation Ahavath Israel, Kingston, N. Y.

Parents Association

New Mothers' Dessert Luncheon

A dessert luncheon will be held on Tuesday, October 25, at one o'clock in the Sisterhood Lounge by the Parents Association for all mothers whose children have entered the Religious School of the Park Avenue Synagogue for the first time.

Chairman of the dessert luncheon is Mrs. Emil Forster; co-chairman, Mrs. Joseph Dell. Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, president of the Parents Association, will greet the parents and will describe the activities of the group. Rabbi Judah Nadich, Hazzan David J. Putterman, and Mr. Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School, will address the mothers.

Mothers new to the school will have an opportunity to learn about the meaningful role the Parents Association plays in the Religious School. The afternoon should be a pleasant and informative experience. The members of the Executive Board look forward with pleasure to greeting new mothers at the luncheon on Tuesday, October 25.

Hebrew Courses to Begin

The Hebrew Course sponsored by the Parents Association and the Adult Education Committee will be continued this year. The advanced class in Hebrew for those who attended last year will begin Wednesday, October 19, at 1:30 p.m. Hebrew I class for beginners will start on Tuesday, November 1. Again this year, the class will be instructed by Mrs. Milton Finkel, a regular instructor of the Religious School.

—Abby Kirsch

SCHOOL CALENDAR

October 5, 6 and 7—Sukkot—no classes

October 6 and 7—Sukkot—Junior Congregation

Services will be held in the Appleman Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Kiddush in the Sukkah.

October 12—Columbus Day—Hoshana Rabbah—no classes

October 13—Shemini Atzeret—Junior Congregation

Services in the Appleman Chapel at 10:00 a.m.

October 13—Simhat Torah Eve—5:30 p.m.

Consecration of new students of the Hebrew Department at the service in the Main Synagogue.

Youth Activities Program Outlined

After the customary summer hiatus, we are happy to announce the resumption of our Youth Activities program.

Teen-age sons and daughters of synagogue members are cordially invited to register for clubs sponsored by our Youth Department. The Youth Office is open on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Irving Goldberg, our Youth Director, will interview all youngsters who are interested in the program. Parents, especially new members, are welcome to meet with Mr. Goldberg and to discuss any questions relative to their children's activities. Since the Youth Office is usually quite busy, it is suggested that parents call in advance of their coming to arrange for mutually convenient appointments.

The Youth Program will offer social, cultural, religious and recreational activities through the following programs:

a) *Sunday Teen-Age Co-Ed Program*

For girls, ages 13 through 17, and for boys, ages 14 through 18. The first meeting for these groups will be held on Sunday, October 9, at 3:00 p.m.

b) *Pre-Teen Clubs*

We contemplate extending the activities of the Youth Program to meet the needs and interests of children, ages eleven through thirteen. Separate groups for boys and for

girls will be formed and a pre-U.S.Y. orientation will prevail. The date of the first session will be announced later.

c) *Boy Scouts*

The robust scouting program developed in Troop 600 will be continued by Mr. Bruce Turner. The first meeting took place on October 3.

d) *Girl Scouts*

Continuing under the seasoned leadership of Mrs. Stanley Simon, the program this year will place special emphasis on seasonal tours and trips. Since week-end activities out-of-town are contemplated, only a limited number of selected participants can be accommodated. The first meeting will take place on Friday, October 21, at 3:30 p.m.

e) *Fine Arts and Crafts*

In the past, the activities of this group have been most commendable, and the children who have engaged in them have received instruction of inestimable value. We are confident that the same will hold true again this year. The opening date for this group will be announced later.

A full schedule of meaningful and enjoyable activities has been planned cooperatively by our staff and Youth Group members for the coming season, and we are certain that this will prove a banner year for our young people.

— Irving Goldberg

Jewish Community Has Extra Days To Register

In deference to the Jewish community, Mayor Wagner has added October 10 and 11 to the registration dates ordered by the New York State Legislature, at extra cost to the city. If you are not already registered to vote in the November election, be sure to do so at your local polling place on October 10 or on October 11.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

**Appleman Chapel
of the Milton Steinberg House**

Under the sponsorship of
the Men's Club

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cohen upon the engagement of their daughter, Janet L., to David Barry Levine.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heller upon the marriage of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Michael David Falk and upon their own twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Klein upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sabsevitze upon the marriage of their daughter, Judith Barbara, to Melvin L. Meisel.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Starkman upon the marriage of their son, Harold R. to Jacqueline B. Rosenbaum.

Dr. and Mrs. Matthew Warpick upon the birth of a granddaughter, Merrill Iris Grossman.

Mr. and Mrs. Club

At the combined meeting and coffee klatsch of the Mr. and Mrs. Club, many interesting programs for the future were planned. A Bible study group was initiated and will include: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abrams, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, Mr. and Mrs. Manny E. Duell, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Felner, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fier, Dr. and Mrs. Selig Ginsburg, Dr. and Mrs. Julius Leichtling, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Morris D. Stolz. All couples of the congregation are invited to join.

The treasure hunt program is steadily gaining momentum, but we need speedier and greater support to insure a huge success for our dance-drawing on Saturday, November 5, and for the art show later in the season. The tickets are only fifty pennies and there are prizes galore. Dust off the old dancing shoes and join us on November 5.

We are honored and pleased to announce the appointment of Morris Stolz to our advisory council. Morris has always been a generous supporter, and his wife, Lucille, has been an indefatigable worker in our past projects.

— Julius J. Leichtling

Condolences

Irving Mitchell Felt upon the death of his mother, Dora.

Oscar Heyman upon the death of his wife, Gertrude S., and to Mrs. Archie Thurman, David and Lawrence Sheldon upon the death of their sister.

Judge Arthur G. Klein upon the death of his brother, David A. Klein.

Manuel Maxwell upon the death of his mother, Tillie Finkelstein.

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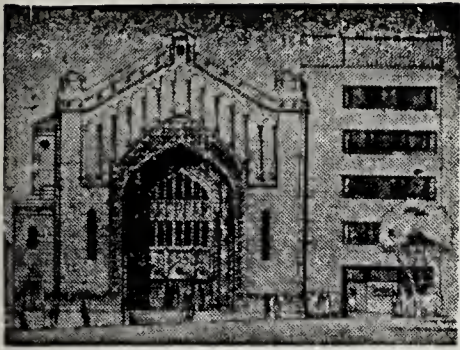
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From The Rabbi's Study: Success of Daily Minyan

On Kol Nidre night, I had occasion to comment upon the fact that one of the great achievements of the congregation during the past year has been the maintenance of daily chapel services throughout the entire year including the summer months. This is the first time in the 82-year history of our congregation that daily services have continued throughout a twelve-month period. Actually, this fall marks the commencement of the third year of our daily services. (During the first year of this project, services were suspended during the summer months.)

I am sure that the entire congregation feels that this is an occasion for self-congratulation. All those who have come to the daily services are to be commended for their cooperation. Particularly does the Men's Club merit praise for sponsoring this project, first under the presidency of Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel and now of Mr. Harry A. Dubin. All of us

stand in the debt of the Men's Club committee, with Mr. L. Chester Glaser at its head, who have been faithful and diligent in carrying out their responsibilities each day. The success of this project, however, comes not as the result of the efforts of a few individuals, dedicated though they be, but because approximately one-third of the synagogue membership has participated in the daily service at one time or another.

What have been the results? A good number of men and women have had the opportunity of feeling a greater closeness to God, to Judaism and to the Jewish people. Many have learned the great value of a brief period of prayer each day. Some have commented that this period of prayer and contemplation at the end of a busy and tension-laden day at the office serves to clear the cobwebs from the mind, to lift the spirit, to gather reinvigoration. Further, the purposes, issues and values in life are seen

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Late Friday Eve Service Will Be Inaugurated November 4 At 8:30

Late Friday evening services will begin with the service on November 4 at 8:30 p.m. That evening Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak on "The Earmarks of Jewish Aristocracy," a welcoming sermon for new members, and a rededication for old members.

The beauty of the music at our services is known far and wide. The music is carefully planned and beautifully rendered by Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by our splendid synagogue choir with George Crook at the organ.

Some sixty-three families have joined the congregation during the past year. They will be welcomed socially at a reception for new members at a later date, but the opening Friday evening service will provide the opportunity for extending a welcome to them at a religious occasion. At the *Oneg Shabbat* tea following the service, all new members will be asked individually to rise so that the congregation can meet them. It is to be hoped that not only will the new members themselves be present with their families, but that the veteran members of the congregation will also attend to join in the welcome to the newcomers.

Many members have expressed in glowing terms the deep satisfaction, the inspiration and the personal joy they received from the High Holy Day services. Some have even wistfully spoken of their desire to attend the synagogue regularly. Many do come each week on Saturday mornings. To members for whom regular Saturday morning attendance is impossible, the late Friday service affords an opportunity for regular weekly worship.

The habit of coming to the synagogue regularly each Friday evening with all the members of one's family is not only a worthwhile discipline but will also prove to be a source of spiritual enrichment.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, October 285:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, October 299:30 a.m.
Friday evening, November 48:30 p.m.

OPENING LATE FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Rabbi Nadich will speak on

"The Earmarks of Jewish Aristocracy"

A Welcoming Sermon for New Members

Oneg Shabbat tea following the service, in honor of new members

Saturday morning, November 59:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of David Martin Swersky
son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Swersky

Friday evening, November 118:30 p.m.
"Peace — Impossible or Imperative?"
An Armistice Day Discourse

Saturday morning, November 129:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Richard Huttner
son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Huttner

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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in greater perspective. One learns also to develop a sense of mystery, awe and wonder that lends appreciation for the many blessings that make life more meaningful.

The daily service has made it possible for those of our members who wish to say the *kaddish* at the daily service to do so. This opportunity has also been gratefully recognized by others in the community and by strangers to our city who have come to these services.

In the midst of our satisfaction that so important a religious achievement has been recorded, we should not lose sight of the fact that continued diligence and constant effort are required to maintain the daily service.

I urge all those who have accepted the obligation of coming to the service once or twice a month to heed their reminder cards. And I appeal to the new members of the congregation to participate in this sacred obligation.

All of us feel the better in the knowledge that a religious service takes place each day of the year at the Park Avenue Synagogue. All of us will want to do whatever we can to sustain it.

—Judah Nadich

Course On Jewish Books Saturday Afternoons

The Saturday afternoon lecture and discussion series at which Rabbi Nadich speaks on "Great Jewish Books" continues on Saturday, October 29, at 5:00 p.m. in the Appleman Chapel, and on each Saturday afternoon thereafter.

Men and women are cordially invited to attend this series of discussions which will deal with a number of the greatest Jewish literary creations, from the Bible to the modern poetry of Bialik.

Special Meeting Of Congregation Thursday Eve — Nov. 17

Park Avenue Synagogue will have a special meeting of its members, both men and women, to vote on the following two proposals:

1. That the Congregation vote on the decision of the Ritual Committee and of the Board of Trustees henceforth to grant Aliyot to women.
2. That the By-Laws be amended to enable members of the Advisory Council to serve as chairmen of most standing committees.

The meeting will take place Thursday evening, November 17, in the Sisterhood Lounge. It will begin *promptly* at 7:30 p.m.

Our Beautiful Sukkah

Sukkot, the Jewish Festival of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the final ingathering of the harvest, was celebrated at Park Avenue Synagogue with services in the main synagogue and with kiddush served after each service in the beautiful Sukkah on the roof of the Milton Steinberg House.

Mrs. Milton Heller, chairman again this year, deserves a vote of gratitude from our congregants for creating such a beautiful Sukkah. The indefatigable Irma and her efficient committee worked zealously for several days to decorate the Sukkah with flowers, fruits and branches. Rosy cranberries, polished fruits, colorful grapes mingled with the green boughs and flowers to create a charming atmosphere of the Festival.

Mrs. Heller wishes to express her appreciation to the following members of her committee for their diligence and their help in decorating: Ann Rudell, Helen Hershey, Dina Rosenbusch and Mina Schoenbaum.

For their help as gracious hostesses: Edna Altman, Ethel Boneparth, Laura Brown, Hilda Davidson, Roslyn Fishman, Clara Friedman, Miriam Forster, Fan Greenstein, Fannie Grater, Helen Hahn, Lotta Horn, Beatrice Kaplan, Ruth Kurzweil, Elsie Lane, Joan Lane, Mildred Levine, Rachael Leider, Gladys Meer, Mattie Neivert, Esther Oberman, Dina Rosenbusch, Ruth Russ, Winifred Siegel, Ida Wells and Gussie Winkelman.

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Three Leaders Honored At Simhat Torah Service

At the Simhat Torah Service on October 14, Park Avenue Synagogue honored three leaders for their outstanding service rendered to the congregation and to the community. Those honored this year were: Mrs. Solomon E. Green, Mr. Milton M. Sivek and Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer. To each, Rabbi Nadich presented a certificate of honor.

For his service to the synagogue and to the community, Mr. Milton M. Sivek, treasurer of Park Avenue Synagogue, and a member of the Board of Trustees, was honored as Hatan Torah. Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, told of Mr. Sivek's many activities as an originator and a past president of Men's Club, as chairman of the Planning Committee and as an active member of many important synagogue committees.

To Mrs. Solomon E. Green went the distinguished honor of being named Kalah Mafteret. Mr. Katz, in presenting the scroll to Mrs. Green, told of her many contributions to Park Avenue Synagogue. An immediate past president of Sisterhood, the present chaplain of that organization, co-chairman of the annual luncheon and theater party, and a member of many Sisterhood committees, Belle well deserved the honor of being named Kalah Mafteret.

Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, first vice-president of Park Avenue Synagogue, and a member of the Board of Trustees on which he served several years as vice-chairman, was named Hatan Bereshit. Mr. Katz pointed out that Dr. Wimpfheimer has been active in many communal activities including Federation, UJA as well as hospital and educational projects. A skilled physician, Dr. Wimpfheimer practices medicine with keen perception and understanding of human beings which has endeared him to all with whom he comes in contact.

Following the service, a reception was held in the Lemberg Auditorium. Chairman of the beautiful kiddush and the charming table decorations was Mrs. Robert Altman, who was ably assisted by the following: Mrs. Norbert Acker, Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, Mrs. Joseph Dell, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Dr. and Mrs. Julius Leichtling, Mrs. Jacob L. Oberman, Mrs. Albert Siegel.

—RMR

Mr. and Mrs. Club Dance — Blueprint For Fun

All Congregants Invited To Attend On November 5

The pace of activity of the Mr. and Mrs. Club has been boosted to gratifying heights. First and foremost is our enthusiastic preparation for our early major social event of the season which all congregants are invited to attend without charge.

DANCE AND AWARDING OF PRIZES

8:30 p.m. Saturday, November 5, 1960

Lemberg Auditorium

Shirley Brandt, chairman of this function, is determined to arrange an unforgettable evening. The Lemberg Auditorium will be decorated to compliment the gay mood of our dance. We expect a huge turnout and hope that congregants and their guests will join us to enjoy the five-piece, snappy orchestra of Murray Fields. We know that you will be compelled to dance when you hear Murray and his singing cohorts. A collation will also be served.

Bible Study Group Enthusiastic

The first Bible study group recently met at the home of Dr. Herbert and Elaine Felner, and the enthusiasm was overwhelming. This was chiefly due to our dynamic, well informed and pleasant moderator, Rabbi Schaffer. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs.—Bob Abrams, Mort Brandt, Manny E. Duell, Herb Felner, Andy Fier, Eugene Friedman, Selig Ginsburg, Ben Karasick, Julie J. Leichtling and Danny Rotto. Toward the end of the meeting, Rabbi

Nadich graced us with his presence and expressed his delight at seeing such a fine group. Those present elected to study and discuss the Five Scrolls at meetings during the next several weeks. Dr. and Mrs. Leichtling will sponsor the next meeting at their home on October 21. The Mr. and Mrs. Club have had such excellent response to this function that they are about to launch a second study group of ten couples to study some phase of the Bible.



The collation following the meeting of the Bible Study Group at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Felner. From left to right: Mrs. Julius J. Leichtling, Rabbi Judah Nadich, Dr. Julius Leichtling, Rabbi Schaffer, Dr. Selig Ginsburg

Open Meeting — December 5

Scoop! The Mr. and Mrs. Club is honored to announce that at our open meeting on December 5, 1960. Rabbi Nadich will give a commentary on his recent trip to Israel and will show movies which he took while abroad. Such an articulate speaker combined with the timeliness and interest of the subject, should make this one of the most memorable evenings of the season. Please reserve the date—December 5.

New Members Welcome

At our meeting on October 10, we were very happy to welcome a number of new people who were interested in joining the Mr. and Mrs. Club. The efforts of our membership chairman, Mortimer Brandt, were not in vain. Fourteen new members joined, including Mr. and Mrs.—Robert Altman, Harold Tompkins, Stanley Robinson, Arthur Bienenstock, Nathan Lubow, Dr. and Mrs. Mattis Fern and Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Kaye.

—Julius J. Leichtling

New Books At A Glance

Since the reopening of the library, we have received many new books. Here is a selection of some of these new acquisitions:

Charles Shulman, *What It Means To Be a Jew*. This volume deals with the various aspects of being a Jew, advantages as well as disadvantages. It analyzes the Jewish philosophy of life and Jewish character traits, and evaluates some outstanding Jewish personalities. Specific problems of the State of Israel and universal human problems are also treated. In short, this volume introduces the reader to the Jewish world.

Felix Frankfurter *Reminiscences*: As recorded in Talks with Dr. Harlan B. Phillips. These reminiscences help to explain more fully many important events from the beginning of the First World War until 1939 when Felix Frankfurter was appointed Supreme Court Justice. The book also gives many interesting facts about the Justice's life, work, and career, and his comments on some famous law cases.

Marc Chagall, *My Life*. This autobiography describes charmingly Chagall's childhood in Russia at the turn of the century, his life in the artistic world of Paris before the First World War, and the collapse of the Czarist empire to which he had returned at the outbreak of that war. Twenty charming illustrations display the wonderful imagination and creative power so characteristic of this great artist.

Paddy Chayefsky, *The Tenth Man*. This is a highly original play with a Jewish theme that has attracted many theatergoers on Broadway.

Tina Levitan, *The Laureates*. This work acquaints the reader with the lives of those celebrated Jewish personalities who, through their outstanding achievements in science, medicine, and literature, or through their efforts toward the establishment of peace, have won the highest award obtainable, the Nobel Prize. It also sketches the impact and influence of their work on our civilization.

Samuel Dresner, *The Zaddik*. On the basis of the writings of Rabbi Yaakov Yosef of Polnoy, the author has produced a study of Hasidic leadership in the eighteenth century. He depicts these Jewish mystics who, in addition to their rare capacity for spiritual solitude, also had the gift of leading the religious community.

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Sisterhood News

Sisterhood Friday Eve Service

On Friday evening, November 18, Sisterhood will observe its special Sisterhood Sabbath. The guest speaker will be Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, well-known lecturer, scholar, author and editor. Her topic will be "The Jewish Woman—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin is editor of *The Jewish Spectator*. An erudite and prolific author, her writings range the wide gamut of Jewish life. Her philosophical book "Religion of Reason" and her "The Hebrew Moses: An Answer to Sigmund Freud" have won the acclaim of leading scholars.

She serves on the editorial boards of the American Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith. An ardent traveller and a frequent sojourner in Israel, she personally knows most of the distinguished leaders and thinkers who are making contemporary Jewish history.

This promises to be a very stimulating evening, and all Sisterhood members and their friends are urged to attend.

Luncheon-Theater Party

Time is growing short—and so is the supply of tickets for *Camelot*, Sisterhood's latest addition to the long line of hit shows shown at their once-a-year Donor Luncheon and Theater Party to take place on Wednesday, December 7.

Under their auspices, you have seen such hit shows as *Teahouse of the August Moon*, *Auntie Mame*, *The Flower Drum Song*, *Take Me Along*. Now Sisterhood is proud to add *Camelot* to this illustrious list. It is predicted that this new Lerner and Loewe musical will outshine *My Fair Lady*.

We urge you to send your check immediately to Mrs. Paul Bercu, 70 East 10th Street, New York City.

—Ethel B. Altschul

Convention, Oct. 28-30 For College Age Youth

A college age charter convention has been called by the National Youth Commission of the New York Region of the United Synagogue of America and existing college age chapters in Conservative congregations, to be held the weekend of October 28-30 at the Brunswick Hotel, Lakewood, New Jersey. The rates for this weekend are \$37.00 for two in a room and \$35.00 for three in a room.

For further information, please phone United Synagogue (CH 2-4259).

Men's Club News

The awarding of the 1960 Cadillac Sedan, the Men's Club prize in its fund-raising project, will take place at the meeting of the club on Tuesday, November 22, 1960. Mr. Archie Richman of the committee in charge of tickets can be contacted through the synagogue office if anyone desires additional tickets.

The Club is eager to make this—its only fund-raising project for the year—really successful so that it can discharge its obligations to the synagogue and finance its many important undertakings.

To make this meeting even more exceptional, the Program Committee is arranging a unique program for that evening. Because it is a special meeting, ladies are most cordially invited. After all, a husband will want his wife present to help him select the color of the Cadillac.

A collation will follow the meeting.

—Jacob W. Boorstein

Accent On Youth

The last few weeks have witnessed a heartwarming response to the announcement of the resumption of our Youth Activities for this season. The number and the nature of the queries we have received augurs well for an active, worthwhile program of club activities.

We were particularly impressed with the interest evidenced in the colloquially termed "USY" club. Questions ranged from "What is it?" and "Must my child have a Hebrew education to join?" to "Can we really develop a Teen Age Congregation?"

USY is the abbreviation for United Synagogue Youth, the affiliate of the Department of Youth Activities of the United Synagogue of America. It encompasses all the accepted forms of good group and club work. These activities are significantly focused upon such synagogue functions as Sabbath Services, holiday observances, and discussions such as the meaning of Shabbat, Torah, and the Hebrew Language.

USY adds another dimension to a club through additional activities such as a national convention, council meetings, and Kinus Katan, thus identifying its members with the larger Jewish Community. Emphasis is also placed upon social activities, folk dancing and community singing.

—Irving Goldberg

Parents Association

Open Meeting — Nov. 16

The open meeting of the Parents Association will be held on Wednesday, November 16, at 8:15 p.m. in the Sisterhood Lounge of the Milton Steinberg House. This is a very special meeting to which parents look forward with great anticipation because, at this time, they are afforded the opportunity of discussing their children with the teachers of the Religious School.

As an exciting addition to the program, a film on Camp Ramah, will be shown. Rabbi Ray Artz, one of the directors of the camp and a former teacher in our Religious School, will discuss some of the highlights of Camp Ramah. The film will present the activities of the children at camp and will depict highlights of the enriched Hebrew program which Camp Ramah offers, and which allows for the continuity of Hebrew education during the summer months.

During the evening, class mothers will act as hostesses. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting under the supervision of Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, chairman of Hospitality, and her committee.

Special Events

In celebration of the special Simhat Torah Service, October 13, the Parents Association distributed flags and candy to the children.

The dessert luncheon held on October 25 for mothers of children new to the Religious School was well attended and proved to be an enjoyable, interesting afternoon.

Chairman of the luncheon was Mrs. Emil Forster; co-chairman, Mrs. Joseph Dell. Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, president of the Parents Association, greeted the parents and described the activities of the group. Rabbi Judah Nadich, Hazzan David J. Putterman, and Mr. Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School, addressed the mothers.

Book Fair

The annual Book Fair, an event to which we all look forward, will be held this year from November 13 through November 20. The chairman, Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, and her co-chairman, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, and their committee will be in attendance at the Book Fair from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. during the week and on Sunday from 9:00 to 12:30.

—Abby Kirsch

Joseph Howard Katz Appoints Chairmen and Members of Committees

We are pleased to print below the names of the chairmen and members of the various committees appointed by Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Park Avenue Synagogue is indeed grateful to these congregants for their outstanding service and for their active participation in synagogue affairs.

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Religious School News

One way to evaluate a school program is to discover how many children who are graduated from a school are motivated to continue their education on a higher level. Here are some interesting facts about the Confirmation Class of June 1960:

Rhoda Epstein, who spent the summer at Camp Ramah, is now enrolled in the intensive Hebrew program at Herzliah Hebrew Teachers Institute. She is now attending classes with Lesley Richman, who transferred to the Institute from Grade V in our school. Herzliah Hebrew Teachers Institute is the oldest institute for the training of Hebrew teachers in the United States.

Bram Andrews and Beth Rose Brown are continuing their studies in the special program at the Jewish Theological Seminary, which in time will lead to admission in the Teachers Institute of the Seminary.

Georgia Kingson, Sheryl Shapiro and Marc Leichtling are students in our High School Extension Department which meets on Sunday mornings in the Milton Steinberg House.

We look forward with great hopes to our present Graduating Class of twenty-three students—the largest in our history. Twelve of the twenty-three students have been Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah and are now preparing for graduation from the Religious School.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 1 at 1:30 p.m.—Hebrew for Beginners—a course for mothers. Teacher: Mrs. Milton Finkel.
Tuesday, November 8—Election Day—No classes.

—Martin Leichtling

New Books *Cont. From Page 3*

Sidney Greenberg, compiler and editor, *A Modern Treasury of Jewish Thoughts*. This volume consists of selections from such modern writers as Milton Steinberg, Hayim Greenberg, Abraham Heschel, and many others, whose utterances are combined in an anthology for the purpose of demonstrating the inner power and great spiritual qualities of Judaism that have enriched mankind as a whole.

Library Hours:

Sunday and Tuesday—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday—2:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

—Hilde Kisch, *librarian*

Congratulations

Hon. and Mrs. Bernard Botein upon their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice M. Friedman upon the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Nan to Michael Lee Blauner.

Mrs. Meyer Kaplan upon the marriage of her daughter, Judith R., to Dr. Elliot I. Greenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Klein upon their forty-ninth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Osserman upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Starkman upon the marriage of their son, James Behr, to Jacqueline B. Rosenbaum in Zurich, Switzerland.

Federation Events

Mrs. Marvin Spiegel, chairman of Park Avenue Synagogue Sisterhood Federation Drive, reports that the meeting devoted to Federation was received enthusiastically by those present. Mrs. Isaac Liberman, chairman of Manhattan Organizations, greeted the group, and Mrs. Edward Peiper moderated an original script, "Community Relations in Action."

The following are important dates for coming events on the Federation calendar: *Advance Gift Luncheon*—October 25; *Special Gift Luncheon*—November 21.

We hope that all workers will contact their prospects and discuss with them Federation's policy and its importance to the Jewish community of New York.

Condolences

Mrs. Norman Bukantz upon the death of her mother, Bella Petchers.

Max J. Cohan on the death of his daughter, Charlotte.

Mrs. Harry Saidel and Mr. Paul Smolian upon the death of their sister, Mrs. Anna Zeitlin.

Mrs. Hannah Seligman on the death of her son, Alfred E. Cohan.

Sidney J. Silberman on the death of his father, Seppy I. Silverman.

Mrs. Louis Stich upon the death of her husband, Louis Stich, and to her daughters, Mrs. Mack H. Fieber and Mrs. Irwin H. Rome.

Federation Re-appoints Irving M. Felt Chairman

Mr. Irving Mitchell Felt, a member of the Advisory Council of Park Avenue Synagogue, has again been named campaign chairman of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. In its forty-third annual appeal to support 116 affiliated medical and welfare services, Federation has set a goal of \$21,250,000.

At a dinner on October 4 at the Plaza Hotel, Mr. Felt officially opened the Federation Drive. In citing the needs of the Federation agencies, Mr. Felt noted that there were 475 children on the waiting list for child guidance; 3,700 applications for assistance from homes for the aged, and 2,400 families on the lists of family service agencies. He pointed out that in order to meet rising costs and to enable the agencies to serve a greater number of people in dire need, this record goal must be met.

Our Beautiful Sukkah

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Park Avenue Synagogue expresses its appreciation to the following members who graciously donated fruits and flowers to adorn the Sukkah: Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Dubin, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Liberman and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Schoenbaum.

—RMR

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

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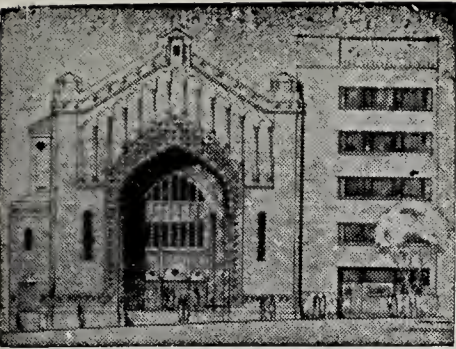
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"Art Or Chronicle" Rabbi Nadich To Speak On Play and New Book

On Friday evening, November 25, under the title of "Art or Chronicle", Rabbi Nadich will discuss the current play on Broadway, "The Wall" by Millard Lampell, based on the book of the same name written by John Hersey. This play has evoked considerable controversy, and Rabbi Nadich will discuss the merits of this dramatic portrayal of the Warsaw Ghetto.

In addition he will also discuss the recently published book, "The Last of the Just" by Andre Schwarz-Bart. This book won the Goncourt prize last year, when it was first published in France, for the best novel of the year. It has just appeared in English translation and has won considerable praise from many reviewers.

On this Friday evening, Park Avenue Synagogue will mark its annual observance of Jewish Book Month when worshippers will be reminded of the importance of purchasing Jewish books, of reading them and giving them as gifts.

Course On Jewish Books Well Attended

The series of weekly talks given by Rabbi Nadich on Great Jewish Books in the chapel every Saturday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. has been drawing an attendance of between 45 and 50 men and women. The lecture and the discussion period following it end at 5:45.

Each session is an individual unit, so that one need not have attended the earlier sessions in order to benefit from the sessions yet to come. Each lecture is concerned with one of the great literary masterpieces that have exerted influence upon the thinking of the Jewish people.

The last two sessions will take place on Saturday, November 19 and Saturday, November 26. A cordial invitation is extended to all the members of our congregation to attend these two final sessions.

The Adult Education Committee, with Colonel Irvin Waldman as chairman, announces that this current seven-session series by the rabbi will be followed by another series of six discussions to be led by him in the spring of 1961 on Saturday afternoons in the chapel.

Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin To Speak November 18 At Sisterhood Sabbath



Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin

On Friday evening, November 18, Sisterhood will observe its special Sisterhood Sabbath at the Friday evening religious service. The service will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich with the assistance of Hazzan David J. Putterman.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, famous writer, editor, scholar and lecturer, who has made a unique impact on the American Jewish community. As the editor of *The Jewish Spectator*, she is noted for her editorials encouraging all positive Jewish endeavors and trends. She is an erudite and prolific author, whose writings range the wide gamut of Jewish life. Her doctoral dissertation, *The Arab According to the Cuneiform Inscriptions*; her major philosophical book, *Religion of Reason*; and her *The Hebrew Moses: An Answer to Sigmund Freud*, have won the acclaim of leading scholars.

Dr. Weiss-Rosmarin is a distinguished and much-in-demand lecturer. She excels in the "question period" following her lectures, thanks to her quick response and penetrating comments.

The guest speaker will be introduced by the president of the Sisterhood, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome. Members of Sisterhood

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Schedule of Religious Services

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ANNUAL SISTERHOOD SERVICE

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**Bar Mitzvah of Barton H. Kogan
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Friday evening, November 25 8:30 p.m.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"ART OR CHRONICLE?"**

"The Wall" and "The Last of the Just"

Saturday morning, November 26 9:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Roger W. Einiger
son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Einiger**

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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Two New Elections To Board Of Trustees

The election to the Board of Trustees of Mr. Jacob Starr and Col. Irvin Waldman was recently announced by Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board.

Mr. Starr, a member of the Advisory Council for several years, has been active in many phases of synagogue and community life. He is a member of the Men's Club and of the Ritual Committee, as well as an ardent worker for U.J.A.

Col. Irvin Waldman, a member of the Advisory Council for several years, has been active as a member of the Planning Committee and the Law Committee. At present, he is chairman of the Committee on Adult Education.

Park Avenue Synagogue congratulates Mr. Starr and Col. Waldman and feels certain that the Board of Trustees has gained two valuable members.

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Two Courses In Hebrew Given At Synagogue

A new class in beginner's Hebrew was formed at the request of mothers whose children have recently entered the first grade of the Hebrew School. This class held its first session on Tuesday, November 1, at 1:30 p.m. and will continue to meet on each succeeding Tuesday.

The second year Hebrew course, which is continuing this season by popular request, met on Wednesday, October 26, at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Milton Finkel, a member of the Religious School faculty, is the instructor for both classes. The schedule for these classes is as follows:

Hebrew 1 (Room 300) every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hebrew 2 (Room 300) every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Fathers of children in the Hebrew School, as well as other men who wish to master the reading of Hebrew, may still register for an evening course.

Those interested in registering for this class may phone the Rabbi's secretary at the synagogue office. (EN 9-2600)

—Ruth Kurzweil

Hebrew-Speaking Circle

A new project sponsored by the Adult Education Committee, a Hebrew-speaking Circle, has recently been organized with Dr. Alexander Richman as chairman. The group will have its first meeting on Thursday evening, November 17, at 8:30 p.m., at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Richman, 47 East 88 Street.

The members of the Circle will meet once monthly at the homes of members of the group, and will engage in discussion in Hebrew on subjects of interest.

Those who know enough Hebrew to carry on a conversation are cordially invited to become members of the Circle. In order to attend its first meeting, they are requested to telephone Dr. or Mrs. Richman at TR 6-9221.

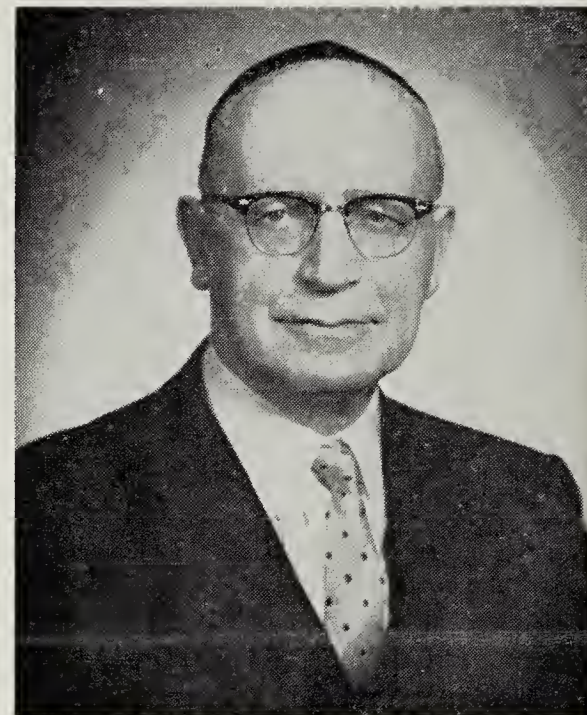
Sisterhood Sabbath

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who will participate in the service are: Mesdames Ethel Altschul, Frances Bercu, Fan Greenstein, Anne Rudell, Minna Schoenbaum and Florence Spiegel. Mrs. David Rapoport will be in charge of the Oneg Shabbat following the service.

—Ethel B. Altschul

Hazzan Friedman Marks 75th Birthday



Hazzan Abraham Friedman

Hazzan Abraham Friedman, who serves Park Avenue Synagogue with faithfulness and distinction as *Hazzan Sheni* and Reader of the Torah, observed his seventy-fifth birthday on the 23rd day of Heshvan which this year fell on November 13. The occasion will be celebrated in the synagogue at the Saturday morning service on November 19.

Hazzan Friedman has served as a cantor in the United States for half a century and has graced the pulpit of a number of prominent congregations in Brooklyn, New Haven, Houston, Miami and Mount Vernon. His career has been characterized by great dignity and by adherence to the highest professional standards. He has contributed to the raising of those standards through the cantorial organizations with which he has been affiliated during these fifty years. For the past twelve years, he has served the Placement Department of the Cantors' Assembly of America affiliated with the Conservative movement in Judaism.

He came to Park Avenue Synagogue just ten years ago, and during this decade has won for himself a place in the hearts of all the worshippers.

Our very best wishes are expressed to Hazzan Friedman in the traditional words: "*Ad mea v'esrim shanah!*" May he enjoy many more years of health, strength and happiness with his family!

Special Announcement
**RESERVE FRIDAY EVENING
DECEMBER 2, 1960
MEN'S CLUB SERVICE**
Speaker to be announced

Sisterhood News: Important Events

Open Meeting—Nov. 29

Sisterhood is planning a particularly exciting program for its Open Meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 1960, at 12:30 p.m.

Professor Maurice E. Chernowitz will deliver a lecture on "The Jewish Contributions to Modern Art—From Pissarro to Chagall."



Prof. Maurice E. Chernowitz

Professor Chernowitz has a fine scholarly background. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University. After serving on the faculties of the College of the City of New York and Brooklyn College, Professor Chernowitz was invited in 1948 to join the faculty of Yeshiva University where he is now Professor of Fine Arts. He is the author of *Proust and Painting*, the first comprehensive study of the relationship

between art and literature to be written by a modern author. He is president of the American Association of University Professors at Yeshiva University.

Professor Chernowitz, who is active in Jewish and Zionist affairs, is a member of the National Executive Council of the Zionist Organization and is editor of the Hebrew monthly of America, *Bitzaron*.

This promises to be a most stimulating afternoon. Don't miss it. Remember the date, Tuesday, November 29.

Luncheon-Theater Party

The big day is almost here—Wednesday, December 7, the day you have been waiting for—Sisterhood's Luncheon and Theater Party.

Luncheon at the Sheraton Astor Hotel will be followed by a matinee at the Majestic Theater—*Camelot*, the brand new musical based on the legend of King Arthur, with seventeen songs written by Lerner and Loewe of *My Fair Lady* fame. From that play comes the stars of *Camelot*: Julie Andrews and Robert Coote; the director, Moss Hart; and the choreographer, Hanya Holm. New additions to the cast include Richard Burton and Robert Goulet.

Fabulous prizes are in store for that day—a diamond and platinum pin and a double strand cultured pearl necklace.

If you haven't already done so, please send your check now to Mrs. Paul Bercu, 70 East 10 Street, New York 3.

—Ethel B. Altschul

Mr. and Mrs. Club Events

The dance sponsored by the Mr. and Mrs. Club on Saturday evening, November 5, successfully demonstrated the ability of this enthusiastic group to create a social prize-winner. Murray Fields' orchestra performed beyond all expectations. Several guests at the dance were inspired to test their vocal chords and sang over the microphone to the delight of the guests.

Many of our members won prizes including Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. Harry Dubin, president of Men's Club.

At the next open meeting of the Mr. and Mrs. Club on December 5, Rabbi Nadich will talk about his recent trip abroad and will show movies which he took while in Europe and Israel. Don't miss this event on Monday, December 5.

—Julius J. Leichtling

Men's Club News

Open Meeting

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Tuesday evening, November 22, 1960 at 8:30 p.m. In many respects this promises to be one of the most interesting meetings ever held by the Men's Club. In the order in which they will appear on the program, the following events will take place:

First: An award of a certificate of honorary membership will be presented by the Men's Club to Mr. Isidore Hahn. Mr. Hahn, who has for many, many years functioned as the *Baal Tekiah*, the blower of the shofar, during the High Holy Day Services at Park Avenue Synagogue, also has taken upon himself the obligation of daily attendance at the Chapel service. The maintenance of this service has been accepted by the Men's Club as its responsibility, and his regular attendance has done much to help sustain the service. In addition, in a manner rich in tradition and dignity, he has conducted the service two or three times each week. For this dedication to a project deemed vital by the Men's Club, Mr. Hahn has been elected an honorary member, only the second to be so honored.

Next there will be a talk by the Hon. Bernard Katzen, chairman of the State Commission Against Discrimination. In 1956 and 1958, Mr. Katzen, as special consultant to the Secretary of State, headed a mission to Israel to find projects for which the United States government should allocate funds. All the projects recommended by Mr. Katzen were approved by the State Department, the necessary appropriations made and the work undertaken. His experiences were both interesting and important. His talk, entitled "Mission to Israel", will be illustrated by movies which he took while there.

And last, but far from least, will come the climax of the Men's Club fund raising, the selecting of the person who will own a brand new Cadillac sedan.

Since this is to be a very special meeting, the ladies are most cordially invited. A collation will follow the meeting.

—Jacob W. Boorstein

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David Picket Heads Park Avenue Synagogue Federation Drive

Mr. David Picket, a member of the Advisory Council of the synagogue, has been appointed by Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, to represent Park Avenue Synagogue as chairman of the Federation Drive this year. Mr. Picket has also assumed the chairmanship of the Builders' Division group for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Mr. Picket faces the two fold aim of educating people to support Federation more generously in its humanitarian work, and of broadening the base by getting every Jewish family in New York to contribute to help Federation meet its many communal problems.

New Members Welcomed At Buffet Supper Party

On Sunday, October 30, the Officers, Trustees and Advisory Council of Park Avenue Synagogue held a cocktail party and buffet supper for members who have recently joined the synagogue.

The Sisterhood Lounge and the Lemberg Auditorium buzzed with conviviality and comradeship as dusk turned to evening. Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich, Hazzan and Mrs. David J. Putterman, Hazzan and Mrs. Abraham Friedman were present to extend cordial greetings. Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees and Mrs. Katz; Mr. Jacob Klein, president of the synagogue, and Mrs. Klein and a number of trustees and members of the Advisory Council were on hand to welcome the guests. Our staff was well represented by Mr. Sidney R. Katz, executive director of the synagogue, and Mrs. Katz; Mr. Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School and Mrs. Leichtling; Mr. Irving Goldberg, Youth director, and Mrs. Goldberg.

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, extended a cordial welcome to the guests in behalf of the Trustees. He said that our families now number 850, the largest membership in the history of the synagogue. Mr. Katz expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Harold Osserman, who had worked so zealously as chairman of the party.

Rabbi Nadich then greeted the guests and invited the new members to become actively identified with the synagogue by participating in all synagogue events, religious as well as social.

Chairman of the New Members' reception and buffet supper was Mrs. Harold Osserman, to whom Park Avenue Synagogue expresses its appreciation for arranging the party. The beautiful table decorations were the result of the creative talent of Mrs. Milton M. Sivek.

The members of the committee who assisted Mrs. Osserman were: Mrs. Reuben Kaufman, Mrs. Edward Peiper, Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz, Mrs. Saul Godwin, Mrs. Milton M. Sivek and Mrs. Samuel Lemberg.

In my article last year, a quotation from Emerson seemed appropriate: "Happy is the house that shelters a friend." I use it again this year, because Park Avenue Synagogue is indeed happy to "shelter" all its new friends and to extend to each a hearty welcome.

—RMR

Welcome To New Members

Park Avenue Synagogue takes pleasure in welcoming the new members who have affiliated themselves with our congregation this year. We hope that their association with the synagogue will be inspiring and mutually beneficial.

Miss Claire Affens
Mr. and Mrs. George Asher
Mr. and Mrs. Max August
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Ball
Mr. and Mrs. Saul Bergman
Mr. and Mrs. Morris E. Biederman
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bienenstock
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown
Mrs. Justine Clapper
Misses Hannah and Sandra Cohen,
daughters of our members, Mr. and
Mrs. Louis M. Cohen.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Conway
Mr. and Mrs. Max Crystal
Mrs. Isabel Dicker
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Eisenberg
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Engelhardt
Mr. and Mrs. M. Jerry Feiman
Mrs. Anita Feuerring
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Finkel
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Freeman
Mrs. Irene Friedman and her son,
Stephen Jay Friedman
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Goodstein
Mrs. Mollie Greenberg
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Greenwald
Mr. and Mrs. Sol J. Halpern
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Honigberg
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome H. Jacobs
Mr. Jacques Kaplan
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kleinweckler
Mrs. Sarah L. Kopelman
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lang
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Levine

Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Levy
Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Liese
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Morits
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Novick
Dr. and Mrs. Irving Parnes
Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Polay
Mr. Joseph A. Polsky
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Regensburg
Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Robins
Mr. and Mrs. A. Stanley Robinson
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosenblum
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rydell
Mr. Samuel Sadin
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Samotin
Dr. and Mrs. Herman Scheiner
Mr. and Mrs. David Seiler
Mr. and Mrs. Max Schneier
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan L. Shainberg
Mr. and Mrs. Mark G. Shapiro
Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Silverman
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Silverman
Mr. and Mrs. Murray Solomon
Mr. and Mrs. William Tannenbaum
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tompkins
Mr. and Mrs. Martin M. Urban
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vogelstein
Mr. and Mrs. Sol Zolenge

The following have re-affiliated:
Mr. and Mrs. Seth Marrus
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hartstein
Mrs. Hortense S. Kramon
Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Lane

Men's Club News: Project Cadillac

On Tuesday evening, November 22, Men's Club will announce the winner of the Cadillac car. This much anticipated event will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium at the regular monthly meeting of the club. Those who still wish to be eligible for the Cadillac must send in their responses before the twenty-second of this month. On this occasion, the ladies are cordially invited.

Among the various concepts as to the functions of Men's Club, the club has been stressing the objective of being an

integral part of the synagogue and its advancement, both materially and spiritually. Several of their completed efforts are much in evidence. To continue their efforts on a broader and more enlarged scope, the members have undertaken to raise the necessary money through the now culminating Cadillac award program. Since time is of the essence, we suggest that you send your check to the Men's Club now.

—Archie Richman

Youth Director Receives Research Grant

Mr. Irving Goldberg, director of Youth Activities at Park Avenue Synagogue, has received a research grant from the Federal Government under the National Defense Education Act. Mr.

Goldberg, who is on a study leave from his duties with the Board of Education, is working on this project under the auspices of the Professional Guidance Institute at Hunter College.

Parents Association: Events Of Interest

Hanukkah Workshop

The annual Hanukkah Workshop sponsored by the Parents Association will be held on Wednesday afternoon, November 30, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Robert Altman, chairman of the workshop, has planned an informative and interesting program.

Mrs. Altman will explain the meaningful role that the home plays in the celebration of the Hanukkah holiday. Those who attend the workshop should benefit greatly by learning the proper setting of a Hanukkah table, the ceremony of kindling the Menorah, and the recipes for the traditional holiday dishes. She also plans to demonstrate a Hanukkah party for children, which should prove a happy home experience for both parents and children. Beautiful antique Menorahs and other holiday symbols will be on display.

Tonight, Wednesday, November 16, at 8:15 p.m. in the Sisterhood Lounge of the synagogue, the Parents will hold an important open meeting. This is a very special meeting to which parents look forward with great anticipation because, at this time, they are afforded the opportunity of discussing their children with the teachers of the Religious School. An interesting film on Camp Ramah, depicting camp life in a religious atmosphere and narrated by Rabbi Ray Artz, will be shown.

During the evening, class mothers will act as hostesses. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting under the supervision of Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, chairman of Hospitality, and her committee.

Class Mothers Appointed

Mrs. Jacob L. Oberman, chairman of Class Mothers, and her co-chairman, Mrs. Norbert Acker, are pleased to announce the list of Class Mothers:

Class Mothers

Chairman. Mrs. Jacob L. Oberman

Co-chairman: Mrs. Norbert Acker

Primary School

Kindergarten: Mrs. Frank Howard, Mrs. Edward Meshekoff

Class 1.: Mrs. Wilbur A. Cowett, Mrs. Harold Kingsberg

Class 2.: Mrs. Leon Pordy, Mrs. Bernard Weiss

Class 3A: Mrs. Robert Bogash, Mrs. Irving Parnes

Class 3B: Mrs. John Bauer, Mrs. Sidney S. Goldensohn

Class 4.: Mrs. Justine Clapper, Mrs. Donald Schlesinger

Hebrew Department

Class 1A: Mrs. Bernard Magid, Mrs. William Sherman

Class 1B: Mrs. Ernest Barth, Mrs. Paul Christenfeld

Class 1T: Mrs. Jerome Kleinman, Mrs. John Milberg

Class 2A: Mrs. Sanford Levine, Mrs. Samuel I. Wick

Class 2B: Mrs. Edgar Kann, Mrs. Philip Levine

Class 3A: Mrs. James Sasnor

Class 3B: Mrs. Arthur H. Bienenstock, Mrs. George M. Schwartz

Class 4A: Mrs. Norman Bukantz, Mrs. Hanna Lyttle

Class 4B: Mrs. Manny E. Duell, Mrs. Norman Levy

Class 5: Mrs. Arnold Boriss, Mrs. George M. Shapiro

—Abby Kisch

Choose Now With Calm Wise Judgment

Once in every lifetime, we or those near to us are faced with the task of selecting a family plot as a final resting place. How tragic when this choice must be made hastily, when the mind is clouded by sorrow! How much wiser when there is time for personal inspection and calm judgment. The possession of a family plot will give you a sense of security and serenity, and will avoid much of the worry and confusion—the result of procrastination.

Last year, Park Avenue Synagogue with great foresight purchased burial grounds at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, Westchester County. One of the oldest and best operated cemetery organizations in the United States, the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery was selected on the basis of its beauty, its excellent maintenance of grounds and its easy accessibility from Manhattan. Travel on the highways from New York City takes less than an hour.

Sharon Gardens offers plots of four, six, eight and twelve to answer the needs of every family. Paved walks front on each plot and make every grave easily accessible.

Already a number of Park Avenue Synagogue families have made their selections according to their particular needs. A phone call to Mr. Sidney R. Katz, executive director of the synagogue, (ENright 9-2600) will give you full particulars about Sharon Gardens.

—RMR

Accent On Youth

As this Bulletin goes to press, our United Synagogue Youth Chapters are making plans for the November Meeting of the Hudson Valley Council. Those serving as hosts in our synagogue group who are responsible for planning the program for this event at which about two hundred young people are expected to be present are: Jonathan Stowe, program chairman, and his committee; Lucy Antek, Susan Carr, Kathy Chandler and Simeon Grater.

"Building Spiritual Bridges" is the theme of the affair which will be the prime fund raising and educational project of the year for United Synagogue groups. After the meeting, refreshments

which will carry out the Israeli theme will be served.

Youth Friday Eve Service—Dec. 16

The annual Friday evening Youth Service will take place on December 16. Plans for this service will be arranged under the auspices of the Committee on Special Services comprised of selected, qualified members of the various clubs headed by Stephen Dell. The committee will meet with the Rabbi in the near future to determine the nature of the program for that evening. A fuller elaboration of these plans will be set forth in the next issue of the Bulletin.

—Irving Goldberg

Bible Study Group

Second Group Formed

The second session of the Bible Study Group met on Monday evening, October 24, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Leichtling. Rabbi Samuel Schaffer led the discussion of the *Song of Songs*, the first of the Five Scrolls under study. The response to his inspired teaching has been so enthusiastic that a second Study Group has already started.

Additional Bible Study Groups, which will study a phase of the Bible of their own selection, will be formed as rapidly as ten couples signify their intent of attending. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Herbert Felner at PL 5-0871,

Books At A Glance

Jewish Book Month

Each year at this time the Jewish Book Council sponsors an annual Jewish Book Month. This laudable and worthwhile undertaking, the purpose of which is to bring home to the Jewish public the importance of acquiring information on Judaism through the reading of Jewish books, will take place from November 11 to December 11. All Jewish communities, organizations, and institutions are called upon to participate.

On an occasion such as this, it is perhaps appropriate to call attention to two outstanding events in Jewish book-publishing. For the first time in history, a Hebrew Bible has been printed in Israel—the very place where its happenings occurred—under Jewish auspices and with the support of the new state. The first part of this historic work, the *Pentateuch*, is now finished and is being distributed by the Jewish Publication Society.

The second important event is the publication of the *Dictionary and Thesaurus of the Hebrew Language* by Ben Yehuda, "the father of modern Hebrew." It was he who was instrumental in converting the ancient tongue of the Bible into a modern spoken language. It took more than seventy-seven years of research in all major libraries of the world to compile this monumental Hebrew work. At Ben Yehuda's death in 1922, five volumes of it had been completed. The material which he had collected and left behind was later edited by other scholars and was published over a period of thirty years in eleven volumes. Now the complete International Centennial edition in eight volumes has come off the press, commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of Ben Yehuda's birth. It contains the most complete Hebrew vocabulary, sharply defined explanations of the meanings of words, their etymology, and, wherever necessary, their English, French and German translations.

—Hilde Kisch, Librarian

Condolences

Mr. Frederick W. Greenfield upon the death of his wife, Gertrude I. Mrs. Archie Thurman and David and Lawrence Sheldon upon the death of their sister, Mrs. Temmie Gordon.

Federation Events

The Women's Division of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies is sponsoring its first International Music Competition, which will be inaugurated by a major concert on Monday evening, January 30, at Carnegie Hall. Guests who attend the Manhattan Special Gifts Fund Raising luncheon on Monday, November 21, at the Hotel Plaza will receive two tickets for the concert.

Mrs. Marvin Spiegel, Sisterhood Federation chairman, reports that all the Federation speakers for Sisterhood have received their assignments. She hopes that they have contacted their prospects. Mrs. Harold Osserman, Sisterhood chairman for the November 21 luncheon at the Plaza Hotel, is eager to have a fine representation and will be delighted to make your reservation. Mrs. Harold Osserman, Mrs. Paul Bercu and Mrs. Morris M. Cohn are working very hard to insure the success of that day.

Please contact your prospects, call your chairman—and help make the Sisterhood of Park Avenue Synagogue an example to the Jewish community.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Alex E. Arnstein upon their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Blauner and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Friedman upon the engagement of their children, Michael Lee Blauner, to Phyllis Nan Friedman.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davidson upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Druss upon their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Finn and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaye upon the birth of a grandson, Gregg David Finn, to their respective son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. Finn.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Haft upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Gottlieb upon the engagement of their son, Joseph M., to Leni Schwartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Kogan upon their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Judge and Mrs. Simon H. Rifkind upon the birth of a granddaughter, Nancy.

Business Men's Torah Luncheons

The Cultural and Religious Activities Committee of the Men's Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue is again wholeheartedly supporting the business men's Torah luncheon series sponsored by the New York Metropolitan Region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

The new series which commenced on Tuesday, October 18, will continue for fifteen sessions on alternate Tuesdays from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. The luncheons are held at the Wilkie Memorial Building, 20 West 40th Street, Manhattan.

The sponsors are most fortunate in having several outstanding rabbis undertake to lead the sessions, among whom is our own beloved Rabbi Judah Nadich. The first three sessions will deal with a study of the prayer book, while the remainder of the luncheons will feature a study of the lives and works of twelve great Jewish men.

Those who attend should find these Torah luncheons inspiring, exhilarating and spiritually uplifting along with a concomitant feeling of serenity! We urge our synagogue members to attend as many luncheons of the series as possible.

L. Chester Glaser

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

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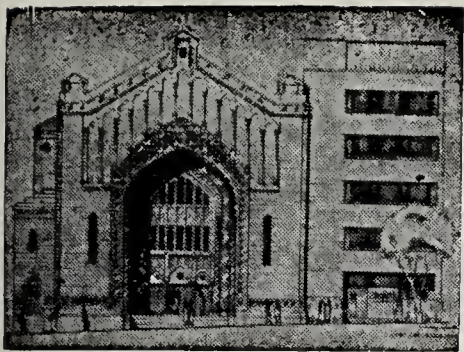
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Annual Youth Service Friday - Dec. 16 - 8:30 p.m. Young People Will Participate In Service

The Friday evening service on December 16, 1960 has been designated as the annual Youth Service in honor of the young members of our congregation. Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak on "Why Be Different?"—A *Hanukkah* sermon.

There is no occasion more important to our young people than the youth service which affords them an opportunity to identify with their Jewish heritage. The youth program at Park Avenue Synagogue encourages active participation in all areas of Jewish life and tradition which is best reflected at this meaningful service.

Under the guidance of Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, the following young people will participate in the religious portion of the service: Roxanne Albert, Kathy Chandler,

Stephen Dell, Lois Finkel, Simeon Grater, Joan Hoexter, Ruth Jacobs, Stanley Kurzweil, Mark Siegel and Jonathan Stowe.

At the conclusion of the service, the Youth Group will be hosts to the congregation at an Oneg Shabbat in the Lemberg Auditorium. Selected members of the various clubs in the program will present a series of Israeli folk songs and dances. Mrs. Herman Helpert, chairman of Youth Activities, and Mr. Irving Goldberg, director, will offer an over-all picture of the youth program at the synagogue.

We sincerely hope that parents will attend with their families and friends; their presence will greatly encourage young people to further their interest in Judaism.

Hanukkah—Significance And Observance

Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication—also known as the Festival of Lights—is an eight-day celebration which commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrians more than 2,100 years ago (165 B.C.E.) and the subsequent reconsecration of the Temple in Jerusalem to the worship of God. The festival occurs on the 25th day of Kislev, which this year begins on Tuesday evening, December 13, when the first *Hanukkah* candle will be kindled before dark, and continues through December 21.

After the destruction of the Temple, the festival was linked with the miracle of the cruse of oil, which burned for eight days. This cruse of oil, with a supply enough for only one day, was said to have been unprofaned by the heathens. The oil in the golden candlestick burned for eight days in the sanctuary until new holy oil could be prepared. From this fact is said to be derived the eight days of the festival.

Through the years, *Hanukkah* has come to be celebrated as one of the happiest of home holidays. Special songs and games contribute to the spirit of gaiety. It is usual to spend the evenings playing various games, for example, spinning the *dreidel*. The letters on the *dreidel* stand for *Nes Godol Haya Shom*—"The Great Miracle Occurred There." Work is not prohibited. In a feeling of kindness, we exchange gifts and remember the poor and needy.

The spiritual significance of *Hanukkah* was presented by our beloved Rabbi Judah Nadich in an editorial in the December 11, 1957 issue of the BULLETIN in the following words:

"That ancient victory of a small group of determined and heroic men over a much larger enemy force is still of great significance to us today. Historically speaking, the Maccabean triumph made possible the continuation of Judaism and also the birth many

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, December 9 8:30 p.m.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"REBEL WITH A CAUSE" on the
200th Anniversary of the Death of the Baal Shem Tov**

Saturday morning, December 10 9:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Andrew John Duell
son of Mr. and Mrs. Manny Duell**

Friday evening, December 16 8:30 p.m.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"WHY BE DIFFERENT?"—a Hanukkah sermon
ANNUAL YOUTH SERVICE and Oneg Shabbat tea**

Saturday morning, December 17 9:30 a.m.

**HANUKKAH SERVICE
Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Allen Epstein
son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving N. Epstein**

Friday evening, December 23 8:30 p.m.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"THE SEASON OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING"**

Saturday morning, December 24 9:30 a.m.

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

Aliyot For Women — An Editorial

The Congregation of Park Avenue Synagogue has prided itself for decades on the leadership role which it exercises in the Jewish community.

The decision of the members of our Congregation, through our Ritual Committee, our Board of Trustees and, subsequently, a special Congregational meeting to extend the right of women to include Aliyot, represents another expression of our Congregation to make Judaism traditional yet growing with modernity.

We were very painstaking about the manner in which Aliyot for women went through the machinery of our Congregation. As our congregants will note from the detailed report of our Ritual Committee, which will be printed in a future issue of the Bulletin, we wanted to take every precaution to analyze carefully and fully all aspects of the problem. Certainly nothing hasty was done here, nor was there any disregard for the traditions of our religion.

I wish to take the liberty of clarifying two points which merit a re-emphasis:

1. There has been some confusion created about what is and what is not Jewish law. One thing is certain: Jewish law, as the Conservative movement defines it, is not a firm, rigid, unchangeable set of doctrines. According to the Conservative rabbinate, there is no Jewish law which prohibits the granting of Aliyot to women.

However, to merely say this is inadequate, because it does not give our congregants an opportunity to weigh for themselves the merits of Aliyot for women in terms of Rabbinic opinion.

The full truth is that the Conservative rabbis not only said that granting Aliyot to women is not contrary to Jewish law, but the Conservative rabbis through their committee on Jewish law approved giving Aliyot to women. This action taken almost five years ago is of major significance and much more important than merely saying that it is not against Jewish law to do so!

I commend the attention of our congregants to an excerpt of a letter printed in this Bulletin addressed to us on June 25, 1956 in which this very subject was summarized. I also commend to the attention of our congregants the 1955 proceedings of the Rabbinical Assembly which can be found in the Cohen Library. It should be read by all seriously interested in a Jewish, not medieval, analysis.

2. The second factor that I would ask our congregants to consider is that all the arguments through the ages which are advanced time and again against the granting of equality in general, somehow find themselves repeated and are introduced in the discussion of Aliyot for women.

It seems to me that in denying privileges to a person or to a group, not those who are denied are demeaned, but those who deny are demeaned. It is we men who demean ourselves by denying the Aliyot honor to women. The mere fact that some ritual in Jewish religious life has thus far been reserved for men or for women does not imply that it is equal and fair to deny Aliyot in our synagogue where men and women with mixed seating worship together and where women serve on our Board of Trustees.

I respectfully submit that, if women work as diligently as they do to build our synagogue and to advance its objectives; if women are such major factors as they are in our community, particularly in all aspects of our religious community; if they are invited to worship equally with men in our sanctuary; if young women are "Bat Mitzvahed" on substantially equal terms with our Bar Mitzvah boys; if we already honor women at the Torah during Simhat Torah; if we already on occasion have granted Petihot to women, why should we not continue to move forward by granting Aliyot to women?

Finally, I commend to your attention the very carefully approved rules and regulations which will be printed in a future issue of the Bulletin. These rules assure the dignified granting of Aliyot for women and the maintenance of the full decorum of congregational worship. They were unanimously approved by a special committee appointed to consider this matter, which incidentally included our Rabbi, and which were unanimously approved by the members of our Board of Trustees.

However, because so small a number of congregants came to our special Congregational meeting, with approximately 60% of those present in favor of Aliyot and 40% against, I shall ask our Board of Trustees at our next Board meeting to review once again the approach it wishes to take towards putting into effect this invaluable extension of democracy into Jewish synagogue life.

Joseph Howard Katz, *Chairman of Board of Trustees*

Jewish Law Committee Advises Synagogue On Aliyot For Women

On June 25, 1956, Park Avenue Synagogue received the following letter from The United Synagogue of America written in reply to a telephone inquiry concerning the permissibility of calling women to the Torah. We quote exactly from the letter:

"The Rabbinical Assembly discussed this problem in some detail at the 1955 convention. Two major opinions were expressed in papers that were read to the Rabbinical Assembly. Rabbi Aaron H. Blumenthal, who is now the president of the Assembly, and four of the sixteen members of the Committee on Jewish Law who voted on this problem were in favor of giving Aliyahs to women. A modified proposal was made by Rabbi Sanders A. Tofield and was co-signed by nine colleagues of the Committee on Jewish Law. This modified proposal would give Aliyahs to women for special occasions only. The women's Aliyahs would be in addition to the regular Aliyahs which would still be restricted to the men who make up the Minyan.

"Only one member of the Law Committee voted against the proposals. You may find the two papers on pp. 168-190 of the 1955 Rabbinical Assembly Proceedings. This discussion about these papers is included on pp. 33-41 of these same proceedings."

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

**Appleman Chapel
of the Milton Steinberg House**
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Annual Hanukkah Party To Be Held At Synagogue Sunday Evening, December 18 at 8:30 P. M.

The annual Hanukkah party for members of the synagogue will be held on Sunday evening, December 18, at 8:30 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium of the Milton Steinberg House. Mr. Milton M. Sivek, chairman of the Planning Committee, and his co-workers have planned a very unusual program which promises to be most entertaining.

The celebration will begin with the ceremony of kindling the Hanukkah candles by Hazzan David J. Putterman. Rabbi Judah Nadich will discuss the meaning, significance and traditional observance of Hanukkah. The audience will be invited to participate in the singing of the lovely Hanukkah melodies led by Hazzan Putterman.



The Jewish Choral Society: its aim is to foster a love for Jewish Music.

This will be followed by the rendition of songs by the Jewish Choral Society, a non-professional group of approximately sixty men and women which draws its membership from all parts of greater New York City and from every sector of the Jewish community. Now in its twenty-first year of rehearsal, the group sings Jewish music—traditional, modern, classical and liturgical—under the direction of Mr. Harry Coopersmith.

The Jewish Choral Society has participated twice in the *zimriya*, the Jewish Choral Festival in Israel, and is planning to participate in the festival scheduled for the summer of 1961.

Mrs. David Altschul, chairman of the party, will be assisted by the following: Mrs. Robert Altman, Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, Mrs. Irving Friedman, Mrs. Robert D. Rubin, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg and Mrs. Aaron Schoenbaum.

At the conclusion of the program, refreshments will be served. Please reserve Sunday, December 18, 8:30 p.m.

—RMR

Help Federation Drive By Your Contribution

This year Federation is seeking \$21,250,000 to support its health and welfare services to begin a new decade of health and welfare progress unprecedented in the philanthropic field. Mr. David Pickett, chairman of the Park Avenue Synagogue drive for Federation

of Jewish Philanthropies urges you to support this humane work.

A great many members of our congregation now contribute to Federation. We hope that you permit us to add your name to this growing list by sending your gift to Federation today.

College Cocktail Party Tuesday—December 27

Long separated friends will once again have an opportunity to renew their friendships and meet young people from colleges throughout the country.

The occasion will be the annual college cocktail party; the place the Sisterhood Lounge of Park Avenue Synagogue; the time Tuesday, December 27, 1960 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Invitations have been sent to students of all colleges and graduate schools, sons and daughters of our congregants, at home and away. We who are planning the party impatiently await seeing you again. There will be dancing and refreshments, and fun for all.

If any college student has not received an invitation, please contact the synagogue office EN 9-2600 on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday after 3:30 p.m.

Chairman of the party is Mrs. Adolph Stangel; co-chairmen: Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg and Mrs. Harry Zucker. Assisting them are Mrs. David Altschul, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, Mrs. Albert Siegel, and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Mr. David Altschul and Mr. Albert Siegel.

We Take Pride In - - - -

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Andrews, for their article, "Jewish Education—A Parent's View," the lead story in the October 1960 issue of the *Synagogue School*, a magazine published by the United Synagogue of America.

Justice Bernard Botein for his recent article on the jury system in the Sunday Magazine section of *The New York Times*

Mr. Irving Mitchell Felt upon his election as a director of the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc.

Mrs. Nathan Kogan, for her appointment as chairman of the Council Youth Program, Department of Correction, by the National Council of Jewish Women New York Section.

Dr. Jerome S. Mittleman, for his article on a new development in medicine, "Acoustic Analgesia," in the October 1960 issue of *Dental Survey*.

Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow, former Federation chairman of Manhattan Organizations, who was presented with a gold pin for outstanding service, at a luncheon, October 11, given in her honor.

Parents Association

The open meeting of the Parents Association held on November 16 was indeed an exciting evening for the many parents who attended. An enthusiastic group of mothers and fathers was greeted by the president of the organization, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, who explained the aims and goals of the Parents Association and the way in which the group helps to develop a closer relationship between the Religious School and the home.

Mr. Martin Leichtling, in addressing the parents, said that the teachers and he were delighted to have so many parents present. After seeing a stimulating movie on Camp Ramah, the parents had the opportunity to meet with their children's teachers for individual conferences.

During open school week, parents will be able to see their children's classes in action. A Class Mothers' Tea will be held in the very near future—the date to be announced in the next BULLETIN.

Below is a list of chairman and members of the various committees of the Parents Association.

Book Fair

Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, *chairman*
Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer
Mrs. Louis Zimmerman

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Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, *chairman*
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Mrs. Albert Siegel
Mrs. Jack Kurzweil
Mrs. Sam Deutsch

Advisory

Mr. Martin Leichtling

—Abby Kisch

Thinking Ahead

Recently a letter in reference to the availability of cemetery grounds for congregants of Park Avenue Synagogue was sent to new members by Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee and Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum, co-chairman. We quote in part:

"One of the services offered by the synagogue with which we feel you ought to become acquainted is the availability, for members only, of cemetery grounds in the midst of surroundings of dignity and beauty. We refer to the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery, Westchester County. We suggest that you give thought to making arrangements for the inevitable requirement of all families—burial grounds—well in advance of the time the need arises.

"Should you be interested in graves or plots in our cemetery, please phone the executive director of Park Avenue Synagogue, Mr. Sidney R. Katz, at the synagogue office (EN 9-2600). We are confident that you will find him helpful in assisting you to meet your requirements."

Orphan Home For Girls Asks For Clothing

The home for orphan and refugee girls in Jerusalem has written us to ask for clothing parcels for the girls living in their dormitory. Of course, the clothing should be in good condition. Any clothing for girls from the age of three to eighteen, whether winter or summer garments, would be most welcome. Especially needed are underclothing, stockings for girls of twelve to eighteen and shoes for girls three to eight. The Home is also in need of toys and playground equipment. A parcel should weigh no more than twenty pounds maximum; two small parcels are preferable to one large one.

Parcels may be sent directly to the following address: Bayit Lepletot Orphan and Refugee Girls' Home, Haye Adam Street, Jerusalem, Israel.

Religious School News

Winter Recess

The closing session of the school will be held on Thursday, December 22, 1960. Vacation will begin on Friday, December 23. The school will re-open on Monday afternoon, January 2, 1961.

Report Cards

Report cards will be distributed to the students in the Hebrew Department on December 14 and 15. Parents are asked to sign the report cards and return them to the school on December 19-20.

Parents are advised to read the personal comments that appear on the report cards. These individual comments by the teacher emphasize the strength and the weakness of the pupil's achievement in the classroom. These comments, in addition to the subject grades, will give the parent an opportunity to praise the successful achievements of the child and to explore those areas where the child may have to exert more effort.

Hanukkah Parties

The entire week before Hanukkah will be a week of festivity for our students. The Hanukkah candles will be kindled in each of the classrooms; refreshments will be served; gifts will be exchanged, and holiday songs and games will be played.

The teachers and students are planning class and assembly programs to be held on December 11, 13 and 14. On each of these days, the Parents Association Committee of Class Mothers, under the leadership of Mrs. Jacob Oberman, will provide the traditional *latkes*.

Park Avenue Synagogue will present each student with a gift that will remind him, for months to come, that we wish him a "Happy Hanukkah".

—Martin Leichtling

Jonathan Steinberg Married In London

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Jonathan Steinberg to Miss Jill Penelope Meier of England, on November 13, 1960. The ceremony was performed at the West London Synagogue by Rabbi Harold F. Reinhart.

Jonathan is the son of Mrs. Milton Steinberg and the late Rabbi Milton Steinberg, beloved rabbi of Park Avenue Synagogue from 1933-1950.

The groom was graduated with honors from Harvard College in 1955 and also studied at Cambridge University in England.

Visit Our Library

The Cohen Library is open for visiting, browsing and borrowing.

Library Hours:

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday—2:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

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Men's Club News: Events of Interest

The Men's Club will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, December 20. The Program committee promises that this will be a very interesting evening. Although, at this time, the name of the speaker is not available, members can be assured of hearing a really thought-provoking address with a lively discussion period to follow.

A report of the results of the Men's Club fund-raising project as well as reports on other activities will be given at this meeting. Since this will be a regular meeting, it is for men only—members of the Men's Club and of the synagogue and their guests. Sorry — no ladies!

Winner Of The Cadillac

At the November 22 meeting of the Men's Club, the winner of the Cadillac car—the coveted prize in the Club's fund raising project—was announced. The crowd which filled the Lemberg Auditorium to capacity waited breathlessly as the "lucky ticket" was drawn from the revolving drum. The fortunate new owner of the Cadillac was then announced—Herman S. Meltzer of Scarsdale, New York, a member of Park Avenue Synagogue.

Isidore Hahn Honored

At this meeting, too, Mr. Isidore Hahn, who has functioned for many years as the *Baal Tekiah*, the blower of the shofar, during the High Holy Day Services, was awarded a certificate of honorary membership.

Hebrew-Speaking Circle Plans Second Meeting

The Hebrew-Speaking Circle, organized under the sponsorship of the Adult Education Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue, will have its second meeting on Thursday, December 15, at 8:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Renee Galimir Hurtig, 402 East 74 Street.

This group, which meets once monthly, held its first meeting in November at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Richman. Simple Hebrew conversation is practiced in a social atmosphere. Those who feel that they are qualified to join such a group are invited to come to this second meeting, and are asked to communicate with Mrs. Hurtig either by note or by telephone.

Hon. Bernard Katzen, chairman of the State Commission Against Discrimination, spoke on "Mission to Israel" and illustrated his interesting talk with movies which he took while there.

Men's Club Sabbath

On the occasion of the Men's Club Sabbath on Friday evening, December 2, the speaker was one of our own members, Dr. Bruno Foa. Dr. Foa's extensive academic and professional background enabled him to speak with authority on "Israel and the Under-Developed Nations".

A consulting economist in New York City, Dr. Foa began his distinguished career in his native Italy with a full professorship. This was followed by positions of visiting professorships and fellowships in important foundations and institutions in the United States and Europe.

In his special field, he has acted as advisor to foreign governments, banks, industrial corporations and the United Nations. Last summer Dr. Foa headed a United Nations technical assistance mission to the New Republic of Somalia. Dr. Foa's life-long interest in Israel includes a period of service as assistant to Dr. Chaim Weizmann in London and as a lecturer at the Hebrew University.

Following the service, there was an Oneg Shabbat at which members of the Men's Club were hosts.

—Jacob W. Boorstein

Mr. — Mrs. Club Sponsors Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group under the sponsorship of the Mr. and Mrs. Club continues to be the most rewarding of religious experiences to its participants. Rabbi Samuel Schaffer's inspired leadership in discussion and his fountain of knowledge and wit are bringing forth new beauty and meaning from the Song of Songs, which is the first of the five scrolls under study.

The third session of the group was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fier, and the fourth by Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Karasek. Enthusiasm for the study of the Bible on a home basis continues unabated as manifested by the maintenance of an overflow attendance.

—Herbert M. Felner

Sisterhood News

Theater-Brunch Party A Great Success

By the time you receive this issue of the BULLETIN, Sisterhood's annual event, luncheon at the Astor and a matinee — "Camelot" — will be taking place. The president of Sisterhood, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the committee who worked so diligently to make this affair a success and also the following who participated in the afternoon:

Rabbi Judah Nadich, the main speaker of the afternoon; Hazzan David J. Putterman, for his fine singing and reciting the grace after the luncheon.

Mrs. Aaron Schoenbaum, chairman; Mrs. Richard Rudell, co-chairman; Mrs. Paul Bercu, treasurer; Mrs. David Altschul, publicity; Mrs. Harold H. Levin, chairman of Angels; Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of Hostesses; Mrs. Benjamin Sack, chairman of Theater; and Mrs. Sol E. Green, chairman of Decorations.

—Ethel B. Altschul

David Amram Will Compose Music For Friday Evening Service

David Amram, a gifted young American composer, has been commissioned by Park Avenue Synagogue to compose a new Friday Evening Service for its Eighteenth Annual Service of New Liturgical Music by Contemporary Composers. This service will receive its world premiere performance at Park Avenue Synagogue, Friday evening, May 5, 1961, and will be presented by Hazzan David J. Putterman and the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

Despite his youth, David Amram has already achieved fame for the music he has composed for many Broadway plays including "J.B.", "Romeo and Juliet", for the American Shakespearean Festival held at Stratford, Conn., and for television and motion pictures. At present, he is scoring music for the film, "A Matter of Conviction", and will shortly begin scoring the music for Elia Kazan's "Splendor in the Grass".

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Block upon the marriage of their son, Jay Lloyd to Elizabeth Lazarus.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Finn upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Q. Jonas upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kaplan upon the engagement of their son, Dr. Michael Kaplan, to Eugenie Florence Appel.

Mrs. Nelson Rutenberg upon the engagement of her son, David Alan, to Suzanne Weil.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Spiegel upon the engagement of their son, Irwin, to Carol Lavine.

Hanukkah

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years later of the two daughter religions of Judaism. Had the Maccabees failed, there would be neither Judaism, Christianity nor Islam.

"Moreover, their struggle is of extraordinary importance to us today because it represents the first raising of the standard of revolt not for territorial conquest, nor for booty, nor even for political independence, but for an idea—for one of the basic freedoms we cherish today, the freedom of conscience, the freedom of worship. The Jews could have lived peacefully in their land had they been willing to accept the religion and culture of their overlords. But peace at such a cost was spurned by the Jews who were of the opinion that life is worth living only when accompanied by freedom, and that freedom meant nothing if it did not mean the possibility of ordering one's life in accordance with one's ideas and beliefs. Few in number and weak in strength as compared with the forces pitted against them, the Maccabees were victorious because they fought as only free men can fight against mercenaries, and we celebrate their victory to this day."

There are available at the Cohen Library of the Milton Steinberg House pamphlets entitled: *How to Celebrate Hanukkah at Home* by Rabbi Albert I. Gordon; *Hanukkah Home Service* by Dore Schary, as well as TV scripts entitled *Hanukkah Through the Ages* by Rabbi Jacob B. Agus and Dr. William B. Furie.

—Cultural and Religious Activities Committee of the Men's Club.

Religion In American Life—RIAL—Campaign

Regular attendance at worship services by all Americans is being urged throughout the country during the twelfth annual "Religion In American Life" campaign—popularly known as RIAL, a national nonsectarian movement.

The message of worshipping together will be sponsored in thousands of churches and synagogues throughout the country by twenty-seven national religious groups. Participation by all members in congregational activities, including religious education, will be emphasized during the program.

In this age of increasing international tension in which every one seeks a sense of personal security, regular attendance at worship services is the best way to find the security of spiritual fitness.

—RMR

Additional Committees

We wish to add the following committees appointed by Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, to those listed in a previous BULLETIN:

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Federation Events

The Manhattan Special Gifts Luncheon, held on November 21 in the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza, had a very fine representation from the Sisterhood of Park Avenue Synagogue. Mrs. Harold Osserman was Sisterhood chairman of this important event.

Mr. Sidney Blackmer, well known stage and screen star, narrated an original script which portrayed several Federation agencies including Long Island Jewish Hospital, Hillside Hospital, Montefiore Hospital and the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews. He was ably supported by a cast of professional actors.

The large audience which attended the luncheon was moved by the script and the urgent need to support Federation, and the consequent results were most gratifying.

Mrs. Marvin Spiegel, Sisterhood Federation chairman, urges you to send in your contribution *now* to support Federation in its humanitarian work.

Condolences

Mr. Milton Gluckman upon the death of his father, Abraham; Mr. Max I. Glickman upon the death of his brother; Mr. Richard Glickman upon the death of his uncle.

Mrs. Bertha Hellinger upon the death of her son, Joshua.

Mrs. William Karmioli upon the death of her brother, Walter S. Brody.

Mrs. Isidor M. Ohringer upon the death of her husband, Isidor.

Mrs. Max Zahler upon the death of her husband, Max.

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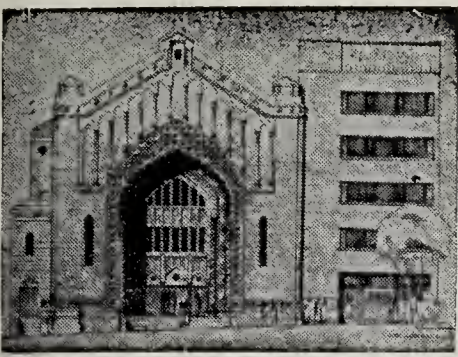
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Annual Youth Sabbath Saturday, January 14

It has become customary for our young people to hold an annual Youth Sabbath Service. This year, the service will be held on Saturday, January 14, at 9:30 a.m.

A portion of the service will be conducted by several members of our Youth Clubs. Alan Mehlman, leader of our newly formed teen-age congregation, will conduct the services and will read from the Torah. He will be assisted by three teenage cantors: Jonathan Stowe, Richard Rubin and Richard Hurtig. Stanley Kurzweil will read the Haftarah. Susan Carr, Ruth Jacobs, and Robert Leifert will participate in the Hebrew portion of the services. In addition, appropriate selections will be read by other members of the Youth Groups.

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Charles Angoff Guest Lecturer on January 20 At Parents Association Friday Evening Service



Charles Angoff: author, instructor, editor—an inspiration in the world of American Jewish culture.

The Parents Association proudly announces that Mr. Charles Angoff, a gentleman with a distinguished record in the world of American Jewish culture, will be the guest speaker at the Friday evening services on January 20, at 8:30 p.m. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct the service assisted by the synagogue choir with George Crook at the organ. Several members of the Parents Association will participate in the service.

Mr. Angoff will speak on "Jewish-American Literature—A Survey." Editor, author, and university instructor, Mr. Angoff has had a double career—one in the world of general American culture, and the other in the Anglo-Jewish world. He was a close associate of H. L. Mencken on the former *American Mercury*. In fact, Mr. Mencken called Mr. Angoff "the best managing editor in America."

In the Anglo-Jewish world, Mr. Angoff is known as a keen literary critic, and one of the most effective and colorful writers of Jewish novels and short stories. He was presented the Daroff Fiction Award for his "In The Morning Light," selected as the best novel of Jewish-American life in 1954.

Mr. Angoff has taught American literature at New York University and Hunter College, and now teaches at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The Parents Association anticipates a very stimulating evening and hopes that you, your family and friends will join them on January 20. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service during which the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Angoff on Jewish American Literature. Members of the Parents Association will act as hostesses.

—Abby Kirsch

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, January 68:30 p.m.
Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"HENRIETTA SZOLD — MOTHER OF A PEOPLE"
in observance of the one hundredth anniversary of her birth

Saturday morning, January 79:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Bruce Samuel Rand
son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rand

Friday evening, January 138:30 p.m.
Service of Prayer and Song

Saturday morning, January 149:30 a.m.
ANNUAL YOUTH SABBATH

Friday evening, January 208:30 p.m.
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION SABBATH
Mr. Charles Angoff, noted author, will speak on
"JEWISH-AMERICAN LITERATURE — A SURVEY"
Oneg Shabbat tea and discussion following the service

Saturday morning, January 219:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Harold Bruce Schwartz
son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schwartz

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

Aliyot For Women Encouraged By Our Officials



Joseph Howard Katz
Chairman,
Board of Trustees

We quote from the minutes of the Ritual Committee meeting of February 25, 1960:

"At the opening of his talk, Mr. Saul Godwin, vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, in explaining his views for



Jacob Klein
President,
Park Avenue Synagogue

granting unqualified *Aliyot* for women, said that he was at the same time expressing the identical views of Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and of Mr. Jacob Klein, president of the synagogue."

Keeping A Promise

Last month I promised our congregants that in the forthcoming issue of the BULLETIN we would publish:

- The detailed discussion of the Ritual Committee Meeting at which the principle regarding *Aliyot* for women was approved.
- The statement of policy governing the Rules and Regulations on the granting of *Aliyot*.

Congregants are urged to read these reports carefully.

When our Ritual Committee through

its Special Sub-committee on *Aliyot* for women adopted these regulations, they, as well as Rabbi Nadich, urged our congregants to become fully familiar with these regulations.

As chairman of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank publicly the many persons who so graciously congratulated our synagogue leadership for the steps they are taking in strengthening a vital and dynamic concept of Conservative Judaism.

—Joseph Howard Katz

You Heard This Read And Saw It Printed In May, 1960

Congregants who attended our annual meeting in May, 1960, and those who read our May 25, 1960 issue of the Park Avenue Synagogue BULLETIN might wish to note again the excerpt below from the report which Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, read to the membership at that time:

Aliyot for Women

"In looking toward the future and in casting about for the charting of new paths, our synagogue is on the verge of taking a real step forward on a ritual matter which has been introduced by our Ritual Committee under the able chairmanship of Archie Thurman and which has been discussed at great length by the Board of Trustees and approved by the Board with one abstention. I refer to the step forward in the matter of granting *Aliyot* to women. This is an historic decision which grows out of the liberal attitude of our congregation. We have in the past singularly honored women at the Torah on *Simhat Torah*. We have confirmed Bat Mitzvah girls. Girls have been receiving *Aliyot* in our Religious School Sabbath Service and, on occasion or two, our indefatigable president, Jacob Klein, has invited women to the honor of the *Pesihah*, to open the Holy Ark. Of course, women have graced our pulpit on many other occasions. The step forward, therefore, in granting *Aliyot* for women is well grounded in the past history of our congregation.

"It now becomes the task of the Ritual Committee to devise the mechanics and to consider the method for putting this practice into operation, subject to the approval of our congregation."

Hebrew-Speaking Circle Meets On January 12

The next meeting of the Hebrew-Speaking Circle will take place on Thursday evening, January 12, at 8:30 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bienenstock, 1016 Fifth Avenue.

The Circle, organized under the auspices of the Adult Education Committee, meets once monthly. The individuals involved in the group have enough knowledge of Hebrew to carry on a simple conversation. The group welcomes

new persons who would like to participate in an evening of Hebrew conversation on an elementary basis. Anyone qualified who wishes to attend the January meeting of the Hebrew-Speaking Circle should notify Mr. Bienenstock either by writing him or by telephoning his office, DI 4-7177.

Those who have attended the previous meetings find themselves becoming more articulate in speaking Hebrew.

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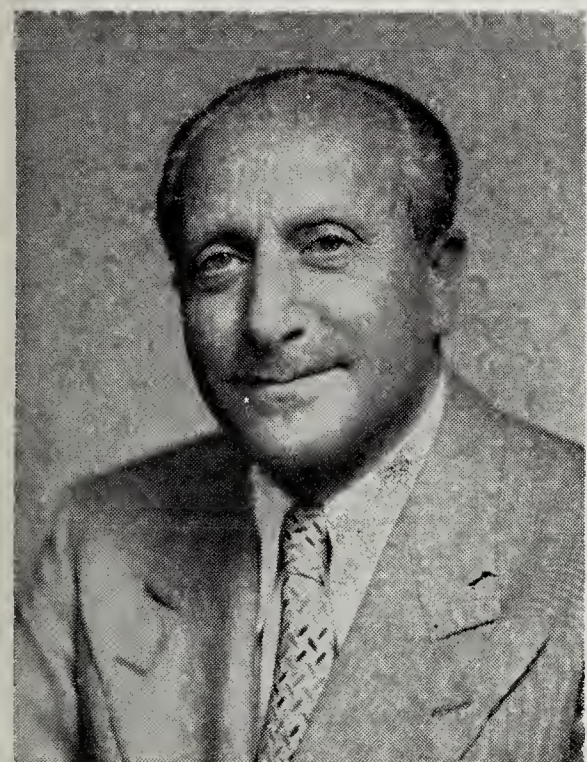
Aliyot For Women: The Record

The congregation of Park Avenue Synagogue should be interested in the record of the progress of the idea of *Aliyot* for women as it went through the various stages of discussions by the Ritual Committee, a sub-committee thereof and the Board of Trustees.

On February 25, 1960, almost a year ago, the Ritual Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue held a meeting devoted exclusively (and so announced in advance) to the question of granting *Aliyot* to women. It was a very interesting evening during which an excellent level of discussion was maintained throughout. The views presented were expounded with a maximum of objectivity. Calm deliberateness prevailed throughout.

The result of that meeting was the adoption of the following resolution:

The Ritual Committee approves in principle the granting of *Aliyot* to women and requests the Board of Trustees to authorize the Ritual Committee to study further the practical means of implementing this principle.



Archie Thurman

The meeting was opened by Mr. Archie Thurman, a member of the Board of Trustees and the chairman of our Ritual Committee.

Mr. Thurman began the discussion by calling upon Mr. Saul Godwin, vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, who had come to the meeting with a prepared paper expressing his views in favor of liberalizing our ritual.

Mr. Godwin quoted extensively from a debate which was printed in the 1955



Saul Godwin

Convention of the Rabbinical Assembly, pages 33-41 and pages 168 and 190 of the 1955 printed proceedings. He began by summarizing the remarks of Rabbi Aaron H. Blumenthal, then vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, who had described certain disabilities which afflicted women in ancient times. He then went on to say, paraphrasing Rabbi Blumenthal's remarks:

None of these disabilities are valid today. The Jewish woman who works side by side with her husband for the welfare of the synagogue and the Jewish community, who is active in U.J.A., in Zionist work and in Jewish education, deserves this gesture of equality of status in the synagogue.

The synagogue which stands for social justice to all the underprivileged outside the synagogue should not wait to be forced into a reluctant and begrudging equality of status within the synagogue.

There is no halachic objection to granting modern women the privilege of an *Aliyah*.

In summarizing a contrary view presented by Rabbi Gershon Winer, Mr. Godwin reported Rabbi Winer's arguments:

Only men can now be counted for a *minyan*, so there is an excuse for getting them to attend; only men can be called up to the Torah, so there is a chance of getting them to attend service on Shabbat, and on other occasions when the granting of *Aliyot* is required. Adoption of *Aliyot* for women will open our synagogues not so much for women to come in, but for men to leave en masse even more than now.

Again reverting to the affirmative viewpoint in favor of *Aliyot*, Mr. Godwin paraphrased the views of Rabbi Ira Eisenstein as follows:

A number of women feel that there is no sense in their being Bat Mitzvah when they are never to have another opportunity to be called to the Torah. They feel that if the *Aliyah* is symbolic of recognition due people who participate in a religious life, they certainly ought to have that recognition.

We should not make the calling of women to the Torah mandatory, but should grant it to those women who feel that they can overcome the psychological difference and who do want to participate to that extent in the observance of the service.

Mr. Godwin then quoted the views of two more rabbis who were in favor of *Aliyot* for women with some modifications: Rabbi Jacob Milgram and Rabbi Noah Golinkin. He then explained the views of two rabbis who opposed *Aliyot*, Rabbi Isaac Klein and Rabbi Theodore Friedman. Mr. Godwin completed his summary with a paraphrase from Rabbi Blumenthal's arguments as follows:

There is an inequality of status in Jewish law between a man and a woman. We must take steps progressively to erase this inequality. My answer is "yes" to the question as to whether in those congregations (in which the ritual has been instituted) it is permissible to do so.

Mr. Godwin concluded his comments by saying that perhaps we should begin the granting of *Aliyot* by permitting women to have the *Aliyot* known as *Gelilah*, although in principle he felt that there should be no restrictions.

At the opening of his talk, Mr. Godwin explained that in expressing his views of granting unqualified *Aliyot* for women, he was at the same time expressing the identical views of Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. Jacob Klein, president of the synagogue.

The next member of the committee to speak was Mr. Lawrence Herring, a member of the congregation for many years. Mr. Lawrence Herring stated that he was opposed to the granting of *Aliyot* to women. He felt that it was contrary to tradition, that it was not in order, and that it seemed an unwise change.

He was followed by Mr. Solomon E. Green, a member of the committee, a vice-president of the congregation, and

**SOLOMON E. GREEN**

a member of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Solomon E. Green also indicated that he was opposed to the granting of *Aliyot* to women. He felt that it raised a variety of questions, such as:

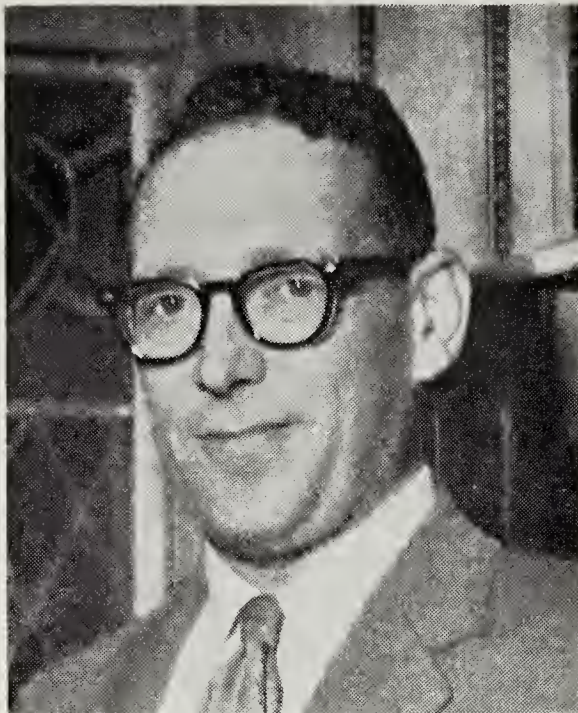
- a. Are we not obliterating the difference among Cohen, Levite, and Israelite?
- b. Should the women wear prayer shawls?
- c. Do we have room for granting *Aliyot* to women?
- d. It would raise all kinds of difficult administrative problems.

Mr. Green indicated that he felt the women do not want it. He also stated that he was not opposed to it in principle, nor is Jewish law so opposed, but he did oppose it from a practical point of view.

Then Dr. Alexander Richman, a relatively new member of the congregation and a member of the Ritual Committee, spoke in favor of granting *Aliyot* to women. He stated that:

- a. Women were entitled to equality as a matter of right and, therefore, they should receive *Aliyot* without qualifications.
- b. If there were some who felt that women need special training, perhaps Sisterhood could engage in such a program.
- c. The granting of *Aliyot* would act as an incentive for women to worship and to study.
- d. The present plan and arrangement was unedifying.

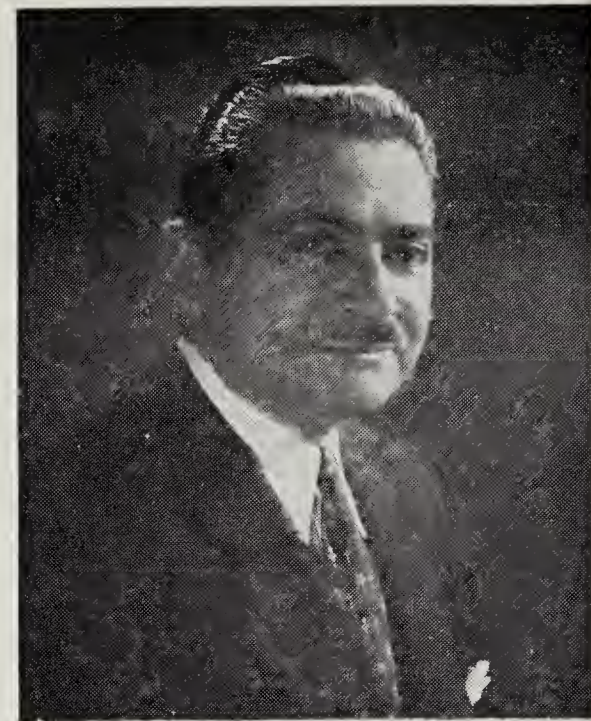
Dr. Richman concluded his comments by saying that it spoke well for our synagogue that it was willing to raise such questions and face them, no matter what the conclusion might be.

**ASA D. SOKOLOW**

Mr. Asa D. Sokolow, chairman of our Law Committee, a member of the Ritual Committee, and a member of the Board of Trustees, was the next speaker. Mr. Sokolow spoke in favor of granting *Aliyot* for women. He indicated that:

- a. He was against any gradual approach in this matter since in principle he was in favor of equality. Although he agreed with many of Mr. Godwin's views, he disagreed with considering the offering of *Gelilah* as a solution.
- b. He did not see the need for the change to be any kind of "imperative" change; except that, if it were right to make such a change, it ought to be made.
- c. Since so much of our religious stimulus comes from women in the home, it seems contradictory to deny women the right of *Aliyot*.
- d. He felt that it was disgraceful that Bat Mitzvah should be the end of the synagogue privileges offered to women, precisely at a time when are becoming mature.
- c. He was opposed to making any distinction between men and women in terms of their knowledge or so called qualifications. The same qualifications that are necessary for men who receive an *Aliyah* should apply to women.

He was followed by Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, a vice-president of the synagogue, a member of the Ritual Committee, and a member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Wimpfheimer also spoke in favor of *Aliyot* for women. In his views:

**DR. SEYMOUR WIMPFHEIMER**

- a. Women are the essential home stimulus for children and are very important in the religious life of the family.
- b. One of his daughters recently averred that she would never again go through the humiliation of having a so-called Bat Mitzvah *Aliyah* on her anniversary, with her father reciting the blessing in her behalf, when as a matter of further interest, she could recite it as well as he.
- c. Park Avenue Synagogue should lead in the emancipation of women.
- d. He did not agree with Mr. Godwin's conclusion, although he did agree with the analysis favoring *Aliyot* for women.

At this point, the meeting was addressed by Rabbi Judah Nadich who expressed his pleasure that the Ritual Committee was discussing such important subjects and that it was conducting the discussion in such a manner. He was certain that the reading of the Rabbinical Assembly proceedings by the laity is an act which the rabbis throughout the country would welcome.

Rabbi Nadich stated that he would present his views under three main headings:

- a. Is the granting of *Aliyot* permitted according to Jewish law?

The rabbi referred to the responsum of the Law Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly and stated that it is unquestionably permissible according to Jewish law. He reviewed the history of *Aliyot* and said that some of the objections in recent centuries to women receiving

Aliyot was allegedly because of biological reasons. In his opinion, this was not a basis for any of the restrictions that did develop.

b. Is it sentimentally correct?

The rabbi felt that this area was not a fertile one for discussion since the reactions were all entirely personal.

c. The practical matters associated with such a change raise problems.

Rabbi Nadich indicated that these problems were:

- (1.) Too many *Aliyot* honors would have to be offered, more than the synagogue could take care of. This would serve to delay the end of the service, which Rabbi Nadich felt should end promptly at 12 noon.
- (2.) We would not have enough *Aliyot* to give to all those who might desire it, and we would thus disappoint some members.
- (3.) As a result of introducing *Aliyot* for women, we may become a women's and children's service. This means, said Rabbi Nadich, that the Ritual Committee and the Trustees would then have to attend services more regularly. He pointed out the difficulty of getting a *Gabbai* at a regular service recently from among the members of the Board of Trustees.
- (4.) Standards of quality would have to be set up, involving, for example, the study of Hebrew.
- (5.) We would have to decree the proper dress for women.

Mr. Thurman then concluded the discussion, by pointing out that only emotionally is it difficult for him to accept the idea of *Aliyot* for women. Now, he stated, we actually go begging for members to accept *Aliyot*, and on the High Holy Days we often have a most difficult time in getting people to accept *Aliyot* and *Pesihot*.

Resolution Adopted

At this point, the discussion drew to a close, and the above mentioned resolution was adopted with the following voting in favor of the resolution:

Mr. Godwin, Dr. Richman, Mr. Sokolow, Mr. Thurman, and Dr. Wimpfheimer.

Mr. Lawrence Herring voted against the resolution, and Dr. Grantz abstained. Rabbi Nadich did not participate in the actual voting. Mr. Solomon E. Green had to leave the meeting before the voting. Mr. Sidney R. Katz is not a voting member of the committee.

Trustees Approve Granting of Aliyot

In the following month, March 1960, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution approving the granting of *Aliyot* to women, which was unanimously approved. One abstention was recorded—Mr. Solomon E. Green. At this meeting of the Board of Trustees, the motion adopted stated:

"That the principle of conferring *Aliyot* on women by the congregation was approved and that the matter now should be referred to the Ritual Committee for the purpose of implementing that action."

The trustees who participated in the discussion were:

The late Ezra Cohen, Saul Godwin, Solomon E. Green, Benjamin Gross, Gen. Melvin L. Krulewitch, Israel B. Oseas, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, Benjamin Sack, Mrs. Benjamin Sack, Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, Asa D. Sokolow, Harry J. Sokolow, Harold R. Starkman, Archie Thurman, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Mr. Archie Thurman, chairman of the Ritual Committee, created a special committee for the purpose of working out the rules and regulations for granting *Aliyot* to women: Saul Godwin, chairman, and the following members of the committee: Rabbi Judah Nadich, Solomon E. Green, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Dr. Alexander Richman, Asa D. Sokolow.

This special sub-committee of the Ritual Committee met on September 12, 1960 for the purpose of working out the rules on *Aliyot* for women. Those present were: Saul Godwin, Rabbi Nadich, Archie Thurman, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Dr. Alexander Richman and Asa D. Sokolow. Prior to that meeting, Mr. Sokolow had prepared a draft of a policy statement which became the basis for the discussion that evening.

Working Rules Adopted

After a lengthy discussion, the special committee on the *Aliyot* for women adopted the following:

Statement of Policy On Aliyot For Women

Our synagogue has proudly decided to award *Aliyot* to properly qualified women in our synagogue. We are persuaded that this step is in accordance with the loftiest standards of Judaism and the principles of synagogue democracy.

It is obvious that some rules are essential in order to administer this policy. It is also obvious that it is impossible and unnecessary to have rules which will cover every conceivable aspect, significant or insignificant, of the implementation of this new policy. We are confident that we may count on the good judgment of our congregants to ensure that our rules, and the spirit which motivates them, are at all times fully respected and accepted.

Accordingly, the following statement of policy is hereby adopted by the Board

1. Any qualified congregant, male or female, may receive the honor of an *Aliyah*.
2. There are certain important occasions on which any qualified congregant may feel entitled as a matter of right to such an honor provided such honor can be made available. These occasions at present include yahrzeits, birthdays, anniversaries, Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, (and anniversaries thereof) recovery from illness or other peril, a forthcoming wedding, birth of children and grandchildren.
3. In our congregation, the Torah blessings are recited in Hebrew. No person shall be deemed qualified to be called to the Torah who cannot recite or read the Hebrew blessings.
4. All persons called to the pulpit for any honor shall be dressed in a dignified and modest fashion in accordance with the standards of good taste appropriate for a synagogue. Informal wear or immodest attire of any kind has never been regarded as appropriate in a house of worship. We consider the matter of proper dress to be of considerable importance, but believe that more detailed specification of appropriate items of dress is unnecessary at the present time.
5. It is our custom that heads be covered during our worship.
6. There may be some women who, for various reasons, may desire to be awarded an *Aliyah* but who prefer to be accompanied to the pulpit by a male member of the family. This practice may continue, and in such cases the male may recite the Hebrew blessings. If two people are jointly honored, as in the case of a wedding anniversary, the blessings may be recited by either party, or in unison.

7. The chief lay officer of the congregation on the pulpit will have the ultimate responsibility of implementing our policy.

We cannot anticipate every problem which may arise. We do not expect that the implementation of this policy will cause administrative problems to the pulpit or to the synagogue. Nor do we believe that it will result in depriving any person of the opportunity of receiving an *Aliyah* or any other honor. Should any unanticipated circumstances arise, we shall, of course, review all possible administrative solutions consistent with our determination that men and women who honor our synagogue with their devotion may be equally and demonstrably honored in turn by our synagogue.

Ritual Committee and Board Approved Rules and Regulations

On October 10, 1960, the Ritual Committee approved all the above rules and regulations. On October 20, 1960, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the rules and regulations. After the adoption of the rules and regulations had been noted, the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting that evening read as follows:

Mr. Thurman singled out for special thanks. Mr. Asa D. Sokolow, chairman of the Law Committee and a member of the Ritual Committee, for his painstaking efforts in creating the original draft from which came the "statement of policy on *Aliyot* for women" as finally approved. Mr. Joseph Howard Katz also thanked the entire Committee on Ritual, and Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the subcommittee on *Aliyot* for women, for their work. In reply to an inquiry by Mr. Jacob Klein, Mr. Katz explained that when the term *Aliyot* is used in these rules, the intent is that it will apply equally to *Pesihot*.

The congregation of Park Avenue Synagogue should note that, at this historic meeting, the attendance of the Board of Trustees was greater than that at any other meeting in recent years. The unanimous vote was given by the following:

George Armour, Isidore M. Cohen, Hon. Abraham Geller, Nathan B. Gerber, Saul Godwin, Solomon E. Green, Benjamin Gross, Mrs. Herman G. Helpert, Emanuel Hochman, Joseph Howard Katz, Jacob Klein, Gen. Melvin L. Krulewitch, Samuel Lemberg,

Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Dr. Harold Osserman, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, Benjamin Sack, Mrs. Benjamin Sack, Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, Sidney J. Silberman, Milton M. Sivek, Asa D. Sokolow, Harry J. Sokolow, Harold Starkman, Archie Thurman, Col. Irvin Waldman and Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Members of the Advisory Council also present, who did not have the right to vote but who did have the full privilege of expressing their views, did not speak against the rules and regulations. They are:

Harry A. Dubin, L. Chester Glaser, Julian Jacobs, Reuben R. Kaufman, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Mitchell Leventhal, David J. Mendelsohn and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

—S. R. K

What Is The Cost In The Long Run?

After an examination of the burial rights which Park Avenue Synagogue is prepared to make available at Sharon Gardens in Kensico Cemetery, many of our congregants have been agreeably surprised at the low cost of a four-grave plot. Depending upon the location, the cost of such a plot is either \$800, \$1000, or \$1200. Once a congregant, however, contemplates this problem carefully, he is pleased to find that the initial cost is virtually the total cost. There are no other or additional charges as the cemetery is responsible for maintaining the grounds.

Of course, if the congregant wishes to embellish his plot with shrubbery or flowers, he is expected to assume the cost thereof. A monument or a foot stone flush with the ground is not considered an embellishment. Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee, points out that one who arranges for a plot is always concerned with the problem of the care of the grounds after one is no longer in a position to do so. At Sharon Gardens, no such situation can ever arise. Our arrangement at Sharon Gardens is for genuinely perpetual care, and the responsibility remains forever that of the cemetery without cost to the owner of the plot in question.

—S.R.K.

Excerpt From Annual Report Of Cohen Library

During the past year, the Cohen Library has kept up a steady pace of development and growth. On entering the library, one is now faced with shelves that are almost filled with books. This fact will make it necessary in the not too distant future to dispose of some duplicates as well as some antiquated books.

As of May 31, 1960, the library had 495 members, children as well as adults. It is gratifying to record that outsiders, too, sometimes come to the library to read or to borrow books against a deposit. 1109 books were loaned, and 1645 persons visited and used the library.

In the past year our collection has increased by 319 books, of which 30 were gifts from members of the congregation. These volumes were classified, catalogued, and made ready for circulation.

Our pamphlet and magazine sections have been enlarged. Through the addition of foreign journals (*The Jewish Chronicle*) or such journals as deal with Israel exclusively, the scope of information for our readers has been widened. Several exquisitely executed art books and books on Israel (*Views of the Biblical World*) were added to our collection. Such standard works as the *Zohar* and *Midrashim on Psalms* were among our new acquisitions.

On the various festivals—Hanukkah, Purim, and Passover—individual exhibits were arranged by the library in order to stress the significance and meaning of the holiday and to direct the readers' attention to the pertinent reading material. On the 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodor Herzl, a display of books—"Theodor Herzl and Zionism"—showing the development of the Zionist idea and the role Herzl played in it, was set up. Works by his forerunners as well as on his American helpmates and about personalities who played a role in the new State of Israel were exhibited.

In addition to her regular work of enlarging and maintaining the book collection, much of the librarian's time is spent in supplying reading material to our Religious School children, teachers, parents, and, last but not least, the synagogue staff. Our teenagers, who have to work on their bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah assignments, not only make ample use of the library, but also require assistance.

—Hilde Kisch, *librarian*

Synagogue Leadership Includes Four Women On The Board Of Trustees



Mrs. Benjamin Sack



Mrs. Herman G. Helpern

Almost unique among Conservative synagogues is the program developed by our congregation with a view to elevating women to synagogue leadership.

We are proud to note that of the thirty-three members of the Board of Trustees, four are women. Three of these, Mrs. Herman G. Helpern, Mrs. Benjamin Sack and Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, are elected entirely in their own right as individuals. Mrs. Irwin H. Rome is a member of our Board, ex-officio, as president of Sisterhood.

Mrs. Benjamin Sack, a member of the Planning Committee, the Adult Education Committee, and the Sisterhood Executive Board has been very active as a leader of U.J.A. Chairman of Youth Activities, Mrs. Herman G. Helpern has played an important role at Park Avenue Synagogue as a past-president of the Parents Association and currently as a vice-president of Sisterhood. Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the Religious School Board and a past president of Sisterhood, is also an ardent worker for U.J.A. Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, president of Sisterhood, is a member of the Planning Committee, the Religious School Board and the Youth Activities Committee.

In the congregation of Park Avenue Synagogue, we have approximately eight hundred family memberships. Each of these families, where they consist of a husband and a wife, have two separate votes. Women have equal voting rights with men.



Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel



Mrs. Irwin H. Rome

Sisterhood Plans Visit to Jewish Guild For Blind

Sisterhood cordially invites members and their friends to luncheon on Tuesday, January 17, 1961 at 11 a.m. at The Jewish Guild for the Blind at 1880 Broadway.

This is an informative and inspiring opportunity to see at first hand some of the most modern techniques and services for aiding blind people. Guild Women's Division Board Members will act as guides on a tour of Guild activities showing you the unusual School for Blind Children, an internationally circulated Braille library, a model apartment for home-making classes, and much more. You will also be their guest for luncheon which will be followed by a brief meeting period and a program of

songs by The Guild Choral Group.

Sisterhood has had an Offering Fund which has been in existence for more than 40 years. This is a fund for the benefit of the blind to which people contribute in times of joy and sorrow. Tuesday, January 17 will present members of Sisterhood with an opportunity to see to what they contribute, to see the actual workings of one of the projects of Sisterhood, and to see what Sisterhood contributes to the community.

Invitations are in the mail. Be sure to return the response card telling us you plan to be with us on Tuesday, January 17.

—Ethel B. Altschul

New Series On ABC Sponsored By Seminary

A new television series, "Directions '61—A Jewish Perspective", had its premiere on the ABC-TV Network on Sunday, January 1, from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

The series, sponsored by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will rotate among the three major faiths, each of which will present one month's program.

The format of the program is that of a living magazine. The editor is Theodore Bikel, noted actor, folk-singer, writer and musician. The series is motivated by the idea that within the heritage of each of the great faiths there is guidance which can serve all men in the difficult task of living.

Friday Night Series On Jews and America

The month of January 1961 will mark the beginning of the observance by the people of the United States of the centenary of the Civil War. The President of the United States in his proclamation has asked that the people of the country take note of the occasion in their houses of worship. The Adult Education Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue has planned a series of Friday evening lectures in connection with the over-all theme of "Jews and America".

On Friday evening, January 20, under the sponsorship of the Parents Association, Mr. Charles Angoff, noted author and literary critic, will speak on "Jewish-American Literature — A Survey".

On Friday evening, February 17, Dr. Oscar Handlin, Pulitzer Prize winner, author and professor of history at Harvard University, will speak on "Jews in the Civil War".

On Friday evening, March 3, Dr. Stephen Kayser, curator of The Jewish Museum at Fifth Avenue and 92 Street, will speak on "The Jews and Art in America".

Each of these lectures, which will be held in conjunction with the Friday evening services, will be followed by an *Oneg Shabbat* tea and discussion period.

Bible Group Study Book Of Ruth

The Book of Ruth is the second of the Five Scrolls to be studied by the Bible Study Group sponsored by the Mr. and Mrs. Club. It is one of the sweetest and simplest descriptions of human virtue to be found in all the books of the Bible.

Under the magic spell of our discussion leader, Rabbi Samuel Schafler, the characters of this well known story appear to step right out of the written pages and to enact their story of love and devotion. Such vividness serves only to enhance what may be considered one of the finest examples of prose ever written.

Enthusiasm for the study of the Bible on a home basis continues unabated as manifested by the maintenance of an overflow attendance. The next meeting of the Bible Study Group will take place on January 23.

—Herbert M. Felner

New, Intensive Hebrew Course For Beginners Will Start January 9

In Israel, a very successful intensive Hebrew course for new immigrants goes by the name of "*Ulpan*". Such a course but of briefer duration is called an "*Ulpaniyah*". The Adult Education Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue announces an *Ulpaniyah* will begin on Monday evening, January 9, and will continue for ten consecutive Monday evenings. Each session will last from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Designed for beginners, the purpose of the course will be to give the students reading and conversational abilities in Hebrew. No fee will be charged, and all readers of the BULLETIN are cordially invited to register for the course by notifying the synagogue office.

The instructor will be Dr. Aaron Giat, a member of Park Avenue Synagogue. He has specialized in adult Jewish education. A native of Yemen, educated in Israel, he received his doctor's degree at Dropsie College, Philadelphia. Dr. Giat has taught at such major institutions as Hunter College, the Adult School of Jewish Studies of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the Hebrew Union College, the Jewish Teachers' Seminary.

Federation Events

About ten thousand women volunteers are at work in the current Federation drive which hopes to raise \$21,250,000 to maintain its 116 health and welfare agencies in Greater New York. In recognition of this important appeal, Mayor Robert F. Wagner has designated December and January as Person-to-Person Months. Mrs. M. Morris Cohn is Park Avenue Synagogue Sisterhood chairman of the canvass of apartment houses.

On Thursday, January 19, the Manhattan Women's Division of Federation will hold its Life-line Luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria. Seven great American fashion designers—Jo Copeland, Mollie Parnis, Nettie Rosenstein, Adele Simpson, Pauline Trigere, Hannah Troy and Sally Victor—will be honored. Fannie Hurst will present the awards, and Arlene Francis will comment on the showing of glamorous spring fashions.

Mrs. Marvin Spiegel, Sisterhood chairman, and Mrs. Paul Bercu, co-chairman, urge you to attend. The minimum contribution is \$35; luncheon couvert, \$4.50.

Assistance Asked By Welfare Fund

For a number of years the Welfare Fund of our congregation has carried out a very worthwhile and effective program of helping individuals, institutions, agencies and causes which have turned to our synagogue for assistance. While New York has the largest Jewish community in the world and the best organized Jewish agencies under the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, there are occasions when appeals for assistance can properly be made of a synagogue, and which should be answered. Our Welfare Fund has been carrying out this task under theegis of a committee comprising Mr. Samuel Lemberg, Mr. Milton M. Sivek and Mr. Benjamin Sack.

However, the funds at the disposal of the committee have now been completely depleted, and its work is at a standstill. Meanwhile several requests for assistance which should be answered have been placed in the suspension file.

In the past, several individuals have, through their generosity, enabled the work of this committee to continue. This is the first time that any public request for contributions to this fund has been made through the columns of the BULLETIN. We are confident that members of the congregation will wish to see the Welfare Fund carry on its laudatory program. Checks made out to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund may be sent to the synagogue office and will be gratefully acknowledged.

Committee Appointed On Seminary Matters

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has appointed Mr. Isidore M. Cohen and Mr. Reuben R. Kaufman as chairmen of the committee on *The Jewish Theological Seminary*. The following will assist them in their efforts in behalf of the Seminary: Newton Glekel, Solomon E. Green, Jacob Klein, Samuel Lemberg, Maurice Levin, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, David J. Mendelsohn, David Pickett, Benjamin Sack, Irving Warshaw and Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

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Men's Club News

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Tuesday evening, January 24, 1961 at 8:30 p.m. This will be a joint meeting with the Yorkville Zionists, the local Zionist group with which so many members of Park Avenue Synagogue and the Men's Club are affiliated.

The speaker for the evening will be Dr. David S. Andron who, in addition to having had a distinguished career as author, lecturer and communal worker, has long been active in Zionist affairs. In 1958, he was co-chairman of the Zionist Organization of America Convention. The founder of the Hebrew Academy of Miami Beach. Dr. Andron is now an honorary life-president.

Dr. Andron has been active in the television field as author, producer and director for N.B.C., C.B.S. and N.T.A. The N.B.C. series, "Let Thy People Know", is his most recent work.

Possessing, as he does, a rich background of scholarship in Jewish and secular learning and culture, Dr. Andron is in great demand as a guest speaker. The Men's Club is indeed fortunate to be able to present him to all the members and friends of the Yorkville Zionists and of Park Avenue Synagogue.

This meeting is for men only. After the meeting, a collation will be served.

—Jack W. Boorstein

Religious School News

Rabbi Judah Nadich will meet with the members of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class on Wednesday, January 11 and January 18, from 5:15 to 6 p.m., in room 501 of the Milton Steinberg House.

Students who will be Bar or Bat Mitzvah from March 4, 1961 through June 24, 1961, are expected to attend the two sessions. They will discuss with Rabbi Nadich the meaning of Bar Mitzvah, its origin and its significance today. To prepare for the discussion, the students are requested to read the book, "A Guide to Jewish Youth."

It is of the utmost important that the children are present for these two classes, and the cooperation of parents is earnestly solicited.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

The Hebrew Department will conduct classes beginning Tuesday, January 3.

The Primary Department will meet on Sunday, January 8.

We Take Pride In---

Mrs. Bertha B. Hamerman, who has been designated a delegate from Hadasah to the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem.

Dr. Jules Hirsch, our member, who took part in a symposium on "The Scientist's Role in the Community" at the eighth convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held on December 26 at the Hotel Commodore. Dr. Hirsch discussed: "Experiences in Public Education in the New York Area: The Scientist's Committee for Radiation Information."

Albert A. List upon his election as a director of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Mrs. Judah Nadich upon her appointment to the Board of Directors of the National Women's League for the term 1960-62. Mrs. Nadich will be chairman of the Reading and Editorial Committee.

Hon. Simon Rifkind, who was presented a plaque by Mayor Robert F. Wagner at the annual breakfast of the Jewish Court Attaches Association on December 4 at the Hotel Commodore. Former Federal Judge Rifkind was the principal speaker at the luncheon.

Civil War Exhibition Now At Jewish Museum

A Civil War centennial exhibition of more than one hundred fifty items depicting the civic and military roles of Jews during the war is now on display at the Jewish Museum at Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street. The museum is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free at all times.

The exhibit, which will remain on view through February 23, depicts the role of Jews in the armed forces, in government, in medicine; Abraham Lincoln and the Jews associated with him; works on Lincoln and the Civil War by Jewish authors.

This project which took two years to prepare is the cooperative effort of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the American Jewish Archives and the American Jewish Historical Society. Invaluable mementos and records of participants in the Civil War have been lent to the Jewish Museum by their descendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Club Events

On December 5, 1960, the Mr. and Mrs. Club was host to a large number of the congregation at an open meeting which featured a presentation of movies taken by Rabbi Nadich during his recent trip to Israel and Europe. Mrs. Nadich, substituting for Rabbi Nadich who had laryngitis, gave a running commentary as the film was shown and did a fine job. Particularly interesting were pictures of two little known memorials in Italy and France which were reminders of the sacrifice of Jewish lives during World War II. The showing of the films was followed by a social hour during which refreshments were served.

At our next meeting to be held in the Lemberg Auditorium on January 9, a dance team will demonstrate some modern dance steps. Following this, there will be dancing by all, and then our usual coffee and cake collation.

—Julius J. Leichtling

Federation Offers Special Services

Although the specialized services which the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies renders to the community are vast and varied, we should like to focus attention to one special facility for children, The Lexington School for the Deaf, located at 904 Lexington Avenue, New York City. By teaching speech and lip reading, deaf children are offered opportunities to complete a high school program which includes academic work, business education and vocational skills as well as preparation for life as full-fledged citizens.

Another service, the *Bronx YM and YWHA* at 1130 Grand Concourse, offers special recreational programs to youngsters afflicted with cerebral palsy.

Blythedale is a children's orthopedic hospital and rehabilitation center located at Valhalla, New York. Here, complete medical care is provided by specialists in orthopedics, pediatrics, psychiatry and psychology. The institution prepares orthopedically handicapped children to return to their homes as soon as maximum rehabilitation has been accomplished.

Your contribution to Federation helps maintain these fine institutions. Please send your check to Federation today.

—RMR

Endowment Fund Facts

Recently the synagogue has received several inquiries about a permanent Endowment Fund. We are, therefore, printing some pertinent facts concerning such a fund.

An Endowment Fund affords individuals in the community an opportunity to memorialize a person, special occasion, or blessing with a gift that continues to give year after year. Your gift to the permanent Endowment Fund continues to give year after year because your initial contribution remains as principal in the permanent fund and only the income is used annually for the cause which is close to the hearts of the contributor.

Gifts to the Permanent Endowment Fund may be in any amount and may be in the form of cash, securities, Israel Bonds, insurance policies or property. Our government, in its desire to encourage philanthropy, makes special tax allowances for these contributions. Stocks, bonds and property are credited as charitable donations at the present market value, even though they may have been purchased at a lower cost. No capital gains are paid on the increased evaluation. Tax deductions are also allowed for premiums paid for policies which make a religious institution the beneficiary. Contributions to the fund may be made by bequests in your wills or as beneficiary of living trusts created during your lifetime.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ackman upon their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Edward M. Cowett upon his marriage to Betty Ann Cohen.

Mr. and Mrs. David Fogelson upon the birth of a grandson, Lewis Jeffrey Liman.

Mr. Emile E. Wolf upon the birth of a granddaughter, Irene.

Annual Youth Sabbath

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Two brief talks concerning life and affairs in Israel will be delivered. These will relate to the needs of our own youth. Jay Greenfield will offer his observations on his visit to Israel last year and Susan Carr will discuss the meaning of the USY pilgrimage to Israel for which she is a candidate.

A kiddush in the Lemberg Auditorium with our young people acting as hosts will follow the service.

Pilgrimage To Israel Of 13-Year-Olds Planned For Next Summer

A pilgrimage of 13-year-old American children to Israel in the summer of 1961 is being planned, particularly to celebrate the occasion of the thirteenth anniversary of the State of Israel at that time. This unique educational project is being organized by Jewish educators in America and Israel.

The program will include an extensive tour of the country, receptions with leading figures in all walks of Israeli life, a wholesome recreational program including sports and other projects of interest to young people on a summer holiday. The religious and cultural aspects of the program will have the active participation of the Israel Ministry of Education. The young pilgrims will be fully guided and supervised at all times.

This interesting project has recently been announced by the Departments of Education and Culture of the American Zionist Council and of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

Parents whose sons and daughters will be thirteen years of age during 1961 and who would like further information about this pilgrimage are invited to write to the following address: "From Bar Mitzvah to Bar Mitzvah" Pilgrimage Committee, 515 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

Candle Lighting Time

Friday, January 6	4:24
Friday, January 13	4:31
Friday, January 20	4:38
Friday, January 27	4:46

Condolences

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Freeman upon the death of their son, Stuart.

Mrs. Jerome F. Konheim upon the death of her husband.

Mrs. Martin Leichtling upon the death of her mother, Rose Rosen-shein.

Mr. Edward Munves, Sr. upon the death of his wife, Frances; and to Mr. and Mrs. Z. Harry Altmark upon the death of their daughter.

How To Enjoy The Services

One of our new members came to me the other evening and told me how much he enjoys our services. He said something very significant and I silently wished that other members could have heard him when he verbalized his feelings as follows:

"I derive benefit and satisfaction from the Services because of what I myself bring to them. When I come, I come *ready* to be inspired by prayers and music, *ready* to be instructed, *ready* to feel the quiet and the meaning of the Sabbath. In all due respect to you, the Rabbi, the Cantor, the Prayer Book, and the people present, it is I who am the key to the entire process. I expect to enjoy services, therefore I enjoy them."

Here indeed is a much needed lesson. The congregant at Services must not be a passive receptacle or a funnel through whom words and music pass like a sieve. He must be active even though he may say very little. He must listen, concentrate, be sympathetic and reverent. He must participate and pay as little attention as possible to the mundane things about him. To a measure, he must shut them out. Above all, to all the elements of the Services—prayer, song, Torah sermon—he must invest part of himself.

Do you want to enjoy Services? Then come ready to leave part of yourself; come to give, and you are bound to receive. As is true with so much else in life, "according to the effort is the reward."

—Exchange

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

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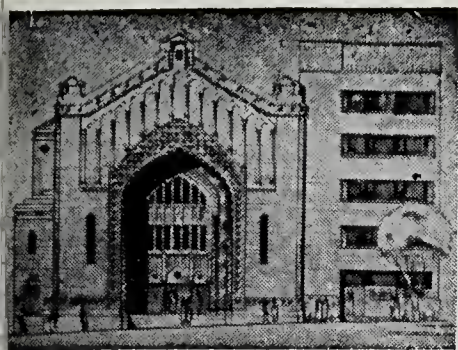
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Rabbi Nadich Takes Part In Panel Discussions In The Community And Speaks At Several Services

Several members of the congregation heard Rabbi Nadich participate in an interesting panel discussion early this month at Temple Rodeph Sholom. The subject was the relevance of the *Shulhan Arukh* as an authoritative code of Jewish law for contemporary living. A large audience heard the several panelists who included, in addition to our own rabbi, Rabbi Jack J. Cohen of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, Rabbi Zev Zahavy of Congregation Zichron Ephraim and Rabbi Louis I. Newman, the host rabbi.

Rabbi Nadich participated in a similar panel recently at Great Neck together with Rabbi David M. Eichhorn and Rabbi Emanuel Rackman with Rabbi Mordecai Waxman as host rabbi. This time the subject was an evaluation of Ameri-

can Judaism since World War II.

Other engagements outside of the Park Avenue Synagogue program that have been on Rabbi Nadich's calendar have included the following: preaching at the Chizuk Amuno Congregation in Baltimore, speaking at the annual luncheon of the Women's League for Israel, speaking at the annual Hanukkah service at the headquarters of the First United States Army at Governor's Island and speaking at the American Zionist Assembly.

In addition, Rabbi Nadich has been appointed chairman of the Commission on Inter-Religious Affairs of the American Zionist Council. He has also served as chairman for a day for the "Dialathon" of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Friday Evening Services Will Include Discourses On Various Subjects

At the service on Friday, January 27, Rabbi Nadich will comment upon the recently adjourned 25th World Zionist Congress which held its sessions for over two weeks in Jerusalem. These Congresses have been convened periodically over the sixty-four years since the first World Zionist Congress called by Dr. Theodor Herzl in Basle. The address of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion at the recent Congress received much attention in the press, but many other things were said and done at the Congress. Rabbi Nadich will describe them, evaluate them and point to the successes and the short-comings.

The following Friday evening, February 3, will witness our annual observance of Jewish Music Month. This year Jewish Music Month begins on January 28 and continues until February 28. Hazzan David J. Putterman and the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ will present a service of music, with each composition the work of an Israeli composer. Rabbi Nadich will serve as program commentator. The Bar Mitzvah anniversary of the State of Israel occurs in 1961, and the happy occasion is therefore the reason for this Israel thematic service.

One of the important, high-level magazines on the American Jewish scene is *Commentary*. In November 1949, the late Rabbi Milton Steinberg had something to say about *Commentary* magazine. Over eleven years have passed since then, and it might be worthwhile to re-evaluate the magazine now. This Rabbi Nadich proposes to do in his remarks at the Friday service on February 10.

We hope that our members and the readers of the BULLETIN will be present at these services, and will invite their friends to come as well.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, January 27 8:30 p.m.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on

"WANTED — NEW HORIZONS FOR AN OLD IDEAL"

A Reaction to the 25th World Zionist Congress

Saturday morning, January 28 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of James Kahn-Druckman

son of Mr. and Mrs. David Druckman

Friday evening, February 3 8:30 p.m.

"MUSIC AND NOTES"

in honor of Jewish Music Month and the

Bar Mitzvah Anniversary of the State of Israel

Saturday morning, February 4 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Donald Rubin

son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Rubin

Friday evening, February 10 8:30 p.m.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on

"SOME COMMENTS ON 'COMMENTARY'"

Saturday morning, February 11 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Philip Dicker

son of Mrs. Isabel Dicker and Mr. Lee Dicker

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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Tu B'Shevat Arbor Day In Israel

Tu B'Shevat, also known in Israel as *Hag Hanetot*, "holiday for planting," falls this year on Wednesday, February 1, on which day it will be celebrated. The term *Tu* is a combination of two Hebrew letters which have a collective numerical value of fifteen. This day is also known by the Jewish people throughout the world as *Hamisha Asar B'Shevat*, which means the fifteenth day of the month of *Shevat*.

Tu B'Shevat marks the end of the winter season and the beginning of spring in Israel. It is a happy day for all, especially for the children. In schools, assemblies are held. Children sing songs and eat fruits grown in Israel such as figs, dates, raisins, almonds and carob or *bokser*. Children and grown-ups go to the fields and plant trees, so necessary for the growth and development of Israel today.

Some very interesting customs are attached to this holiday. Parents would plant trees on this day for children born during the year—a cedar for a boy, that he might grow tall and strong, and a gentle cypress or pine for a girl. As the children grew up, they had the responsibility of taking care of the trees. When the children married, branches of these trees were used for the *Hupah* or wedding canopy. Trees thus became an integral part of the life of the Jewish people. Another custom was to celebrate the completion of important school studies and the beginning of new ones during this Festival. It was a time of physical and spiritual growth and advancement.

Trees are important symbols in Jewish life. The Torah itself is called a tree: "It is a tree of life to those that hold

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A Letter To A Friend - - - From Henrietta Szold

This year we celebrate the one-hundredth birthday of Henrietta Szold, whom Rabbi Nadich in a recent sermon aptly called "Mother of a People." We publish below a letter from Miss Szold written to one who offered to say *Kaddish* for her mother since there were no sons. The editor came across this letter in the Beth-El Bulletin, Springfield, Massachusetts.

In view of our recent editorials on the granting of *Aliyot* to women, we thought that our readers might find Miss Szold's comments written in the year of 1916 most illuminating.

New York, September 16, 1916

To Haym Peretz:

It is impossible for me to find words in which to tell you how deeply I was touched by your offer to act as *Kaddish* for my dear mother. I cannot even thank you—it is something that goes beyond thanks. It is beautiful, what you have offered to do—I shall never forget it.

You will wonder, then, that I cannot accept your offer. Perhaps it would be best for me not to try to explain to you in writing, but to wait until I see you to tell you why it is so. I know well and appreciate what you say about the Jewish custom: and Jewish custom is very dear and sacred to me. And yet I cannot ask you to say *Kaddish* after my mother. The *Kaddish* means to me that the survivor publicly and markedly manifests his wish and intention to assume the relation to the Jewish community which his parent had, and that so the chain of tradition remains unbroken from generation to generation, each adding its own link. You can do that for the generations of your family. I must do that for the generation of my family.

I believe that the elimination of women from such duties was never intended by our law and custom—women were freed from positive duties when they could not perform them, but not when they could. It was never intended that, if they could perform them, their performance of them should not be considered as valuable and valid as when one of the male sex performed them. And of the *Kaddish* I feel sure this is particularly true.

My mother had eight daughters and no son: and yet never did I hear a word of regret pass the lips of either my mother or my father that one of us was not a son. When my father died, my mother would not permit others to take her daughters' place in saying the *Kaddish*, and so I am sure I am acting in her spirit when I am moved to decline your offer. But beautiful your offer remains nevertheless, and, I repeat, I know full well that it is much more in consonance with the generally accepted Jewish tradition than is my or my family's conception. You understand me, don't you?

Henrietta Szold

Hebrew-Speaking Circle To Meet On February 9

The Hebrew Speaking Circle (*Chug Ivri*) of Park Avenue Synagogue held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bienenstock, 1016 Fifth Avenue on Thursday, January 12. The meeting was well attended and was highlighted by a continuous discussion in Hebrew of everyday events in the United States and Israel. A bi-weekly newspaper, *Lamatchil*, sponsored by the Herzl Foundation was used as a springboard for the description of daily life in Israel. Each member of the group participated in reading and commenting on the various articles.

It was a most stimulating evening for all. One can say that this was an example of adult education at its best because of the active participation of each member.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Richman, 47 East 88 Street on Thursday, February 9, at 8:30 p.m. All those interested in a sparkling evening are invited to attend.

Those who have attended the previous meetings find themselves becoming more articulate in speaking Hebrew.

—Alexander Richman

Sisterhood Activities

U.J.A. Chairmen Appointed

Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, president of Sisterhood, has announced the appointment of Mrs. Richard I. Rudell as chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and Mrs. Joel Levitt as co-chairman. Mrs. Abel H. Phillips will be Person-to-Person chairman of Manhattan Organizations of the Women's Division; Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the Advisory Board of the Women's Division of Greater New York; Mrs. Moe Turman, co-chairman of Manhattan Organizations, Women's Division; Mrs. Benjamin Sack, chairman of the Executive Board of the Manhattan Organizations, Women's Division.

Bazaar — May 2 and 3

Each year, Sisterhood sponsors a Bazaar for the benefit of the special project of U. J. A. Chairman of the Bazaar to be held May 2 and 3 will be Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer; co-chairman, Mrs. Mack H. Fieber.

The success of the Bazaar is of course dependent upon the receipt of merchandise. In previous years, our congregants, as well as many others interested in helping U. J. A. in its great work, have contributed most generously. Now is the time for taking inventory in many business concerns, and owners are eager to dispose of extra merchandise. Sisterhood appeals to all business houses to remember the U. J. A. Bazaar at Park Avenue Synagogue and to help insure its success by contributing merchandise of all kinds. Perhaps you have a "white elephant" stored in your closet. The Bazaar Committee will welcome it. Only one qualification—all goods must be new!

Packages should be labeled *Bazaar* and sent to the Sisterhood Bazaar Committee, Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87 Street.

We urge those who wish to help put the Bazaar "over the top" to phone Mrs. Wimpfheimer, AT 9-4743. She will be delighted to hear from you.

—Ethel B. Altschul

We Take Pride In ---

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of our Board of Trustees, upon his election as a member of the Board of Overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary for a three-year term.

Mr. Albert A. List, a member of Park Avenue Synagogue, who was elected to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Mr. List has served on the Board of Overseers of the Seminary since 1957.

Mrs. Joseph I. Lubin, benefactor for the past eight years of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, who is the present chairman of the Women's Division which raises funds for Einstein College, the first Jewish-sponsored medical school in the country.

Synagogue Recipient Of Beautiful Gifts

Recently Park Avenue Synagogue became the proud possessor of four sixteenth century chairs two of which now stand on the pulpit. These beautiful chairs from the estate of Myron C. Taylor were purchased by Mrs. Samuel Lemberg, chairman of the Arts and Decoration Committee, and were re-upholstered under her supervision.

Park Avenue Synagogue wishes to express its gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Solomon E. Green, who presented the synagogue with two of these magnificent chairs—another gracious expression of their generosity to the synagogue.

The synagogue also expresses its gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer for their gift of a plaque which now hangs in the Sisterhood Lounge. The plaque, wrought in metal, portrays "Moses and The Ten Commandments" and adds a very decorative note to the wall on which it hangs.

Park Avenue Synagogue also wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. Ezra Cohen for her gift of Sabbath and Festival prayer books given in memory of her parents, Rose and Charles Weill.

From Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz, the synagogue has received a Magnavox combination radio and phonograph. For this welcome and useful gift, we are indeed grateful.

Last but not least, Park Avenue Synagogue expresses its gratitude to the Men's Club for the beautiful new canopy, gray with white letters, over the side-walk entrance to the main synagogue.

—RMR

Mr. and Mrs. Club Events

The Mr. and Mrs. Club has continued to make encouraging progress in its program development and membership drive. We now have forty-five paid members and many more are contemplating membership. All husbands and wives are welcome, and the age range is unlimited.

At our session on January 9, 1961, we had the benefit of an excellent dance instructor who succeeded in converting the uninitiated into good cha-cha and meringue dancers.

Under the chairmanship of Lucille Stolz, the Mr. and Mrs. Club experimented with a pilot theatre party for members who enjoyed seeing the new hit play, "Rhinoceros." The Club plans several more theatre parties, and all Mr. and Mrs. Club members will be notified and will have the opportunity of obtaining tickets. The next play to be considered will be "Big Fish, Little Fish" starring Jason Robards and Hume Cronyn and directed by John Gielgud.

—Julius J. Leichtling

Religious School News Of Interest To Parents

Open School Week

The Jewish Education Committee of New York has announced "Open School Week" for visits of parents to our religious schools to coincide with the week of Tu B'Shevat.

The students of our Primary Department will play host to their parents on Sunday, February 5 between 9:45 and 12 noon. Visitors to the school will have an opportunity to observe the instruction and to discuss with the teachers the curriculum of the class and the work of the individual students.

Parents of students in the Hebrew Department are invited to visit classes during the afternoon sessions on Monday, February 6, and Tuesday, February 7.

Lincoln's Birthday

The Primary Department will conduct classes on Sunday, February 12. The Hebrew Department will not conduct classes on Monday, February 13.

—Martin Leichtling

Ceremonial and Gift Shop

Prayer Books — Bibles — Tallitim
Mezuzahs — Candle Holders
Hallah Trays — Spice Boxes
Phone: Irma Heller, Chairman of Gift Shop
(AT 9-5500)

We Are Glad You Asked

It is sometimes difficult to set qualms at ease if people are unwilling to ask questions. Occasionally, however, some congregant does ask a question and only then do we learn what has deterred him from arranging for burial rights in our Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery.

The other day a congregant inquired of Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee, whether or not Park Avenue Synagogue would object to the interment of ashes in the Park Avenue Synagogue grounds.

This afforded the chairman an opportunity to explain that in the months that we were negotiating for the two acres which we subsequently acquired at Sharon Gardens, the Cemetery Committee and the Ritual Committee met jointly for the purpose of resolving precisely and in advance this and other ritual questions.

The chairman explained that Park Avenue Synagogue has no ritual objection to burying the remains of a cremation in its cemetery grounds, providing, of course, that there is only one such burial in each grave.

Mr. Godwin and his co-chairman, Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum, as well as the other members of the Cemetery Committee, will be glad to answer any questions that exist in the minds of our congregants which may affect their decision with regard to obtaining burial rights at Sharon Gardens-Kensico Cemetery. A letter to the synagogue or a phone call to the Executive Director is all that is required. In turn, the Cemetery Committee will gladly furnish whatever information is required.

—SRK

Book Inscriptions Are Available

A number of Prayer Books are available for dedication. These books may be inscribed in honor of some happy event in your family, or in memory of a beloved, departed relative. A special book plate will appear on the inside of each book, giving the name of those in whose honor or memory the book is dedicated.

For further information, please phone Mr. Sidney R. Katz, executive director of the synagogue (En. 9-2600).

United Jewish Appeal Launches Campaign With Gift Luncheons

The Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York will inaugurate its twenty-third annual campaign on Tuesday, February 14, at the Waldorf Astoria with four simultaneous Special Gift Luncheons followed by a round-table discussion on "Israel Tomorrow" featuring Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. Howard A. Rusk, Howard K. Smith and Ambassador Michael Comay.

These distinguished personalities, each of whom has an informed interest in the State of Israel, will give more than 2,000 UJA Women's Division volunteers insights into the ways in which Israel will shape her internal development and external relations in the years to come.

Mrs. Roosevelt has visited Israel many times and has been closely associated with the cause of UJA since its inception. Dr. Rusk, chairman of the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the New York University-Bellevue Medical Center and an associate editor of *The New York Times*, has just returned from a survey of programs for the ill and handicapped in Israel. Ambassador Comay will appear in his capacity as Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and Mr. Smith, a Washington correspondent for C. B. S., will view Israel's future role through the trained eyes of the television news analyst.

In 1961, UJA will seek increased support throughout the metropolitan area to provide for Jewish migration, which, over the last four and a half years, has averaged 40,000 annually; to help 300,000 immigrants to Israel attain self-sufficiency; and to meet the increased needs of 600,000 Jews in twenty-five countries who depend on UJA programs for the basic necessities of life.

Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman make it a regular practice to visit the sick members of our congregation whenever such situations are brought to their attention. It would be appreciated if the rabbi's secretary were informed whenever visits by the rabbi and the hazzan would be welcome.

Bible Group To Study Book Of Lamentations

The Bible Study Group at its meeting on Monday, January 16, concluded the study of the Book of Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Friedman were hosts to the group.

On January 30, 1961, the study of the "Book of Lamentations" is to be initiated at a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morris D. Stolz. In this study, we return to the form of ancient Hebrew poetry—in this instance, an elegy of sorrow. There may be something lost in translation, but, even in English, the depth of feeling which the author transmits to us over the ages in his contemplation of the destruction of the Temple, the pillaging of Jerusalem, and the humbling of our forefathers, is a work of tragic beauty.

—Herbert M. Felner

Hebrew University Sponsors American Student Program

The American Student Program under the auspices of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, the Embassy of Israel and the Jewish Agency for Israel offers to qualified students the opportunity of one year of study at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

The program open to responsible students or recent graduates of American colleges, has proved most effective for students in their junior year and for college graduates in their early twenties. Hebrew is not an absolute requirement for acceptance, but it is desirable that candidates have some knowledge of Hebrew.

The program extends twelve months from July/August until the following June/July. The total cost of a year in Israel including transportation, tuition, food and lodging compares favorably with the cost of a year of study at American institutions.

For further details, please write to: American Student Program Committee, American Friends of the Hebrew University, 11 East 69 Street, New York 21, New York.

Parents Association

**Snowstorm Forces
Postponement Of Services
To Friday Evening, March 10**

The Parents Association Sabbath service for January 20 had to be postponed on account of the snow storm, as those who attended the service last Friday know. It will take place on Friday evening, March 10, when we shall have the privilege of hearing Charles Angoff, distinguished author and editor, speak on "Jewish-American Literature — A Survey."

We are grateful to Mr. Angoff for agreeing to the change, and for being able to rearrange his schedule.

Purim Workshop

Under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. Robert Altman, the Parents Association is planning a Purim Workshop on Thursday, February 16, at 1:30 p.m. There will be a fine display of Purim costumes, delicacies traditional of the Purim festival, recipes for food, decorations and suitable games. Attending this workshop is of utmost importance to all mothers and grandmothers who wish to make the celebration of Purim more meaningful in the home. Here, too, they will find help in obtaining ideas for Purim costumes for the annual Purim Carnival for their youngsters.

The Parents Association invites you and your friends to attend this important event and looks forward to seeing you.

—Abby Kirsch

Tu B'Shevat

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fast to it, and everyone that upholdeth it is happy." This passage from Proverbs is chanted when the Torah is returned to the Ark. The Bible also admonishes us not to destroy trees.

Tu B'Shevat gave the Jewish people in the Diaspora the spiritual uplift of the thought of spring in Israel and of the warmth of a homeland. It helped to continue the hope of returning to Israel and of living in a free and independent country.

—Cultural and Religious Activities
Committee of the Men's Club.
L. Chester Glaser, chairman

Dr. Milton Levine To Give Talks On Sex

The School Board has invited Dr. Milton Levine, assistant professor of pediatrics at Cornell University and eminent author and lecturer in sex education, to give a series of talks to our boys and girls in the Religious School in the age group between twelve and fourteen.

The School Board, recognizing the need for the education of the pre-adolescent in the knowledge and understanding of the wholesome relationship between men and women, inaugurated the course for our youngsters. The many enthusiastic comments by parents and students has convinced us that the Religious School can play a significant role in the family-life education of our children and help the child to meet more readily the physical and emotional changes of adolescence.

The lectures will be held in Room 502 in the Milton Steinberg House in accordance with the following schedule:

- Wednesday, January 25
- Wednesday, February 1
- Wednesday, February 8
- Wednesday, February 15

Parents of the youngsters may attend the first two sessions of the course.

—Martin Leichtling

Maximum Registration For Hebrew Course

The Adult Education Committee with Colonel Irvin Waldman as chairman, is happy to announce that a maximum registration has been reached for the *Ulpaniyah* intensive Hebrew course given every Monday evening by Dr. Aaron Giat.

As a matter of fact, registration for the course had to be closed several days before the opening session because of the extremely large response. The men and women in the course meet with Dr. Giat every Monday evening for two hours.

Visit Our Library

The Cohen Library is open for visiting, browsing and borrowing.

Library Hours:

- Sunday and Tuesday—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday—2:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Men's Club News

The next meeting of the Men's Club will take place on Tuesday, February 28, 1961. In recognition of the critical conditions prevailing on the international scene, the Program Committee is endeavoring to obtain as guest speaker a high ranking official of the United States delegation to the United Nations. Further details concerning this meeting will appear in the next BULLETIN.

New Canopy — Gift of Club

The new canopy over the entrance to the synagogue is the gift of the Men's Club. Last year, the Men's Club presented the synagogue with the motion picture screen which has been used on many occasions to show films during lectures and meetings.

—Jacob W. Boorstein

An Unusual Suggestion For The Celebration Of Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

An unusual Bar Mitzvah announcement has recently come to our attention. Together with the invitation to the *Bar Mitzvah*, there was a card enclosed which carried the following request:

"We of the family have been truly blessed by health and good fortune. Now as we look forward with joyful anticipation to celebrating our son's *Bar Mitzvah*, we would like to share our *simha* with others. We have, therefore, established a Student's Loan Fund in our son's name. (Here follows the name of an educational institution to help worthy students who are struggling for an education) To friends who may feel inclined to send our son a personal gift, may we suggest that it would make him and us very happy if they were to send a contribution to (the name of the institution indicated)."

To the Jewish boy who has "everything" what could be more meaningful than to know that his *Bar Mitzvah* was the signal for the performance of a *mitzvah* in which his friends participated, and that for many years to come the fruits of his *Bar Mitzvah* will endure.

This suggestion, of course, applies to the celebration of *Bat Mitzvahs* as well as to *Bar Mitzvahs*.

Sisterhood Visits Jewish Guild For Blind

The day was bright and sunny as a group of us—all Sisterhood members—arrived at the building of The Jewish Guild for the Blind at 1880 Broadway. Right above the entrance, we read the inscription: "For all who in a world of untold beauties are consigned to unremitting darkness, here is light." Our visit proved the truth of this quotation.

Once within the building, a volunteer guide took us on a tour of the many projects which the Guild offers. First we visited the nursery school with its trained staff of professional workers. In the capable hands of these fine instructors, parents leave their children from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Guild provides transportation, a hot lunch and therapy.

As we proceeded to another floor, we were amazed to find that the switchboard operator took messages entirely in Braille and operated the board with a dexterity that could well be the envy of any operator.

A visit to the Contract Shops came next. We could not help but comment about the high standards required to produce jobs for leading manufacturers. Here we saw many men and women skillfully packaging toys and notions. They worked quietly and efficiently to the background of soft music.

In the Arts and Crafts department, the blind are taught weaving, painting and ceramics. In a model apartment where every modern convenience is available, women are taught to cook, sew and to take care of their daily needs.

Our visit to the Braille Library was most interesting. The library, the largest in the world, has a nationwide circulation which serves not only the United States but also foreign countries. Almost five thousand volunteer braillists and bindery workers have added 1,265 new volumes on all subjects to the Guild Library.

Our interesting tour completed, we enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon prepared by the dietician of the Cafeteria.

Then followed a regular meeting conducted by Sisterhood president, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome. We all enjoyed Mrs. Milton Heller's sketch of the origin of the Offering Fund which makes its annual contribution to the Guild from its income derived from voluntary contributions and a 5% net of the profit of Sisterhood's annual Lunch and Theater

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. David Altschul upon their tenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davidson upon the birth of a granddaughter, Julie.

Mr. Nathan B. Gerber upon the birth of a grandson, Bradford J. Gerber.

Dr. and Mrs. Milton Helpen upon the engagement of their daughter, Alice Jane, to Barry Feinberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Horowitz upon the birth of a daughter, Ilene Nancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaye upon the birth of a grandson, David Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham A. Schnee upon the birth of a granddaughter, Elizabeth Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schaffran upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer upon the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Toby David Abend.

Party. In times of joy or sorrow, we hope you will remember this fund with your contributions.

Mrs. Edward Peiper, a past president of Sisterhood, a member of the Executive Board and a devoted worker for the Guild, was chairman of the afternoon. She introduced the Choral Group composed of Guild members who entertained with a delightful group of songs—songs of good cheer and hope. In fact, this was the spirit most evident throughout the afternoon.

As we left the building and went our separate ways, we all felt, I am certain, that our visit had been rewarding and inspiring.

—RMR

Candle Lighting Time

Friday, January 27 4:46 p.m.
Friday, February 3 4:55 p.m.
Friday, February 10 5:04 p.m.

Summer College Camp Offers Hebrew Courses

College students who would like to learn Hebrew in an enjoyable manner may be interested in the Summer College Ulpan camp at South Branch, New Jersey.

The camp is sponsored by the Student Zionist Organization and features a seven-week concentrated course emphasizing conversational Hebrew on the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels for college students and graduating high school seniors. In addition there will be social, recreational and sports activities, workshops on Israeli songs and folk dances, and seminars on Jewish themes.

The purpose is to give American college students an opportunity to study Hebrew for use in their own studies, future careers, Jewish activities and for their own personal enrichment. Students from over 50 colleges and universities have participated in the Ulpan since its establishment in 1955. Colleges in New York City and a number of colleges outside New York grant four academic credits for the successful completion of the course.

The fee for the seven-week period, including tuition, room and board, is \$295. Further information may be obtained from the Student Zionist Organization, 515 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
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"The Jews In America Lecture Series" Will Feature Dr. Oscar Handlin At Service On Friday, February 17, And Dr. Stephen S. Kayser On March 3



DR. OSCAR HANDLIN

Chairman of the Harvard History Department; winner of the Pulitzer Prize in history.

On Friday evening, February 17, Dr. Oscar Handlin will speak on "Jews in the Civil War." This will be the first in a series of Friday evening lectures sponsored by the Adult Education Committee with Col. Irvin Waldman as chairman. In observance of the centennial of the Civil War, the title of the series is "The Jews and America." Succeeding lectures will be delivered on March 3 and 10.

Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct the services, assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ. Following each lecture, an *Oneg Shabbat* tea and discussion period will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Dr. Handlin, professor and chairman of the Department of History at Harvard University, has written extensively on American social history. He is the author of a number of books that have gained him wide fame and have won him several prizes, including the coveted Pulitzer Prize in history. He is a regular contributor to the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Commentary* and other magazines. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

On Friday evening, March 3, Dr. Stephen S. Kayser will give the second lecture in the current Friday evening series sponsored by the Adult Education Committee. He will speak on "The Jew and Art in America."

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, February 17.....8:30 P.M.

**Dr. Oscar Handlin will speak on
"JEWS IN THE CIVIL WAR"**

Adult Education Oneg Shabbat and Discussion Period After Service

Saturday Morning, February 18.....9:30 A.M.

**Bar Mitzvah of Francis N. Levy
son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Levy
Bar Mitzvah of Lee R. Rosenbaum
son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rosenbaum**

Friday Evening, February 24.....8:30 P.M.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"REMEMBRANCE — VIRTUE OR VICE?"
William Shirer Looks at the Third Reich**

Saturday Morning, February 25.....9:30 A.M.

**Bar Mitzvah of Suzanne Bukantz
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Bukantz**

Friday Evening, March 3.....8:30 P.M.

**Dr. Stephen S. Kayser will speak on
"THE JEW AND ART IN AMERICA"**

Adult Education Oneg Shabbat and Discussion Period After Service

Saturday Morning, March 4.....9:30 A.M.

**Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Goldin
son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Goldin
Bar Mitzvah of Mitchel Green
son of Mrs. Lenore Green and Mr. Stanley Green**



DR. STEPHEN S. KAYSER

Curator of the Jewish Museum of America; expert on Jewish Art and the History of Art.

From The Rabbi's Study:

During the first years after World War II, many of us wondered why there seemed to be such little repercussion in the world of literature and the arts of the great human tragedy for which the Nazis were responsible. Perhaps it was because all men of feeling stood so close to the unspeakable events that they could only gape in silent horror. Of late, however, although the immensity of the tragedy grows larger with time and not less significant, more and more creative spirits have attempted to articulate the meaning of this black period.

The Broadway play, "The Wall," by Millard Lampell, based on the book of the same title by John Hersey, is moving and stirring theatre. It opened to the acclaim of critics and has been running these past several months, but it has not drawn the audiences it should because people have a natural tendency to go to the theater to be entertained. However, the theater should perform more than this function. If it is to hold up a mirror to life, it must reflect all sides of life. This play has, happily, been saved from closing by a one-woman crusade undertaken by Mrs. Isaac Stern, the wife of the noted violinist.

Several books have appeared during this season which deal with various aspects of the same over-all theme. They have been widely reviewed and frequently discussed, but I call them to your attention in case you may have overlooked them. "The Last Of The Just" by Andre Schwarz-Bart is a novel of heroic proportions which won its author the Goncourt Prize for the year's best work of fiction in France.

"The Inspector" by Jan de Hartog, author of the recent popular play, "The Four Poster," is a sensitive novel about the strange relationship between a middle-aged Dutch inspector of the criminal investigation division and a young Jewish girl just freed from a concentration camp. They are joined together in a weird and fascinating journey that leads them from Holland via Tangier to the coast of Palestine.

"Night" by Elie Wiesel is another unforgettable book of the same genre that has won the praise of reviewers.

Seeing "The Wall" and reading these books become illuminating spiritual experiences.

Purim — Its Significance and Observance

Purim, the Jewish festival which occurs on the 14th of *Adar* (the twelfth Hebrew month), falls this year on Thursday, March 2. It reminds one of the deliverance of the Jewish people from serious danger in the remote past.

Haman, the prime minister of the Persian king, Ahasuerus, wished to have all the Jews of the Persian empire killed because he believed that one Jew, Mordecai, had failed to bow down before him. However, his plan was frustrated by Mordecai with the aid of his cousin, Esther, who had been chosen by Ahasuerus to be his queen. The 13th of *Adar* was determined by lot for the destruction of the Jews. However, on this day, the Jews defeated those who attacked them and, therefore, celebrated their victory and their deliverance from danger on the 14th of *Adar*. Mordecai and Esther decreed that the festival of Purim should be celebrated joyfully by a festive meal and by the exchange of *Shalach-manot*, gift giving and special remembrance of the poor. The detailed story of these events is contained in the *Megillah* (the Scroll, or Book of Esther).

It is the custom to read the *Megillah* on the evening before the holiday and again on the morning of the holiday. In the synagogue, there is usually a large attendance of children at the reading of the *Megillah*, and all those in attendance whirl the traditional rattles called groggers at the mention of Haman's name. After the evening prayers, the reading of the Book of Esther begins with the customary blessing over a scroll and the chanting of the opening verses in a special musical mode heard only on this

holiday. The reader chants through the chapters and each time the name of Haman is mentioned, those present, especially the children, stamp, pound and whirl the groggers—noisily and wildly.

The Purim story contains all the elements of a typical romance: a simple girl (Esther) made queen as the result of winning a beauty contest; a plot to kill a king; a conspiracy to ruin a people unjustly accused of not keeping the king's laws and, finally, a triumphant downfall of the conspirator and the ultimate vindication of right.

The customs associated with the holiday reflect its melodrama: the villain is mocked by the derisive sounds of groggers and hissing during the reading of the *Megillah*, and three-cornered Purim delicacy, *hamantashen*, symbolic of Haman's hat, is eaten.

The very stereotype elements of the Purim narrative transmit an historical incident into a talisman of hope. The patterned nature of the events of the Purim story permits identification by each generation to its own problems, since in every age there has been no absence of unjust accusers, and the corresponding need for vindication.

The events of Purim are placed in the 5th century B.C.E. during the reign of Xerxes (Ahasuerus, in the Hebrew). Although some 2,400 years have intervened, the hand of hope held out by Purim has been extended during the long years of dispersion and persecution.

*Cultural and Religious Activities
Committee of the Men's Club.*
L. Chester Glaser, chairman

Central Synagogue Symposium On Judaism

On Thursday evening, February 9, the Sisterhood and Brotherhood of Central Synagogue sponsored a "Symposium on Contemporary Judaism" at the Community House, 35 East 62 Street.

Rabbi Nadich represented Conservative Judaism; Rabbi Herschel Schacter, Orthodox Judaism; Rabbi Bernard Bamberger, Reform Judaism and Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, Reconstructionism.

The symposium gave the audience a splendid opportunity to hear a comprehensive presentation of the different phases of Jewish life and belief.

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CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, February 17.....5:12 p.m.
Friday, February 24.....5:20 p.m.
Friday, March 3.....5:28 p.m.

Purim Begins With Reading Of The Megillah In Main Synagogue On Wed., March 1—7:45 p. m.

Annual Purim Party To Follow

The annual Purim Party will be celebrated at Park Avenue Synagogue on Wednesday evening, March 1. The service will begin at 7:45 p.m. in the main synagogue with the reading of the *Megillah*. Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman will officiate at the service. Members chosen from those who have joined the synagogue during the previous year will read portions of the *Book of Esther*.

At the conclusion of the service, the Purim party will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium which will be gaily decorated in the spirit of Purim in an attractive manner, completely original—the motif to be designed and carried out by Mrs. Adolf Stangel, chairman of the Purim party, whose creative ability is well known to our members. Mrs. Stangel will be assisted by Miss Leona Giat, the daughter of our members, Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Giat.

Hostess for the evening will be Mrs. Louis Zimmerman, who will have an intriguing array of masks for each person to put on. Mr. Leo C. Adler and his orchestra will provide music and entertainment throughout the party.

During the evening several musical numbers will be presented by some of our talented members. Refreshments in keeping with the Purim Festival will be served. The spirit of the party promises to be informal, gay and exciting. The highlight of the merrymaking will be guessing the identity of a masked Mystery Masquerader. Whoever guesses correctly will win a prize.

Those in charge of the arrangements will be: Mrs. A. Stangel, chairman; Mrs. Albert Siegel, co-chairman; Mrs. Louis Zimmerman, hostess; Miss Leona Giat, assistant on the Decoration Committee. They will be assisted by the following: Mrs. Leon Klein, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil and Mrs. Paul Miller.

For a delightful evening of fun, we suggest that you mark the date—Wednesday, March 1, on your calendar and plan to join your friends at the party in celebration of the joyous festival of Purim, the happiest of all Jewish holidays.

Dance Instruction? Mr. Mrs. Club Plans Class

At its last open meeting, the Mr. and Mrs. Club presented a demonstration of the modern dance which was exceedingly well received. Indeed, so many couples have manifested interest in taking a group course of instruction in modern dances that they have requested that the Mr. and Mrs. Club sponsor such a course at the synagogue for those couples who may be interested.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club is considering offering such a course at a nominal fee per couple providing sufficient couples are interested. If you desire to participate in group dancing lessons to be conducted by a competent professional instructor, please communicate with Dr. Herbert M. Felner at PL 5-0871.

Bible Group To Study Book Of Esther

Having completed the study of the Book of Ruth, the Bible Study Group had planned to turn its attention to the Book of Lamentations. However, the imminent approach of Purim has induced us to undertake the study of the Book of Esther at this time, and defer the Book of Lamentations until a later date.

The Book of Esther, as we all know, is the book read in synagogues throughout the world on the Feast of Purim. To this very day, we are thrilled by the bravery of the good Queen Esther, and appalled by the abominations of Haman in this familiar story. However, we are indebted to Rabbi Samuel Schafler, our discussion leader, for the able way in which he fills in the background of the times—the mores, the plight of the Jewish people, and the general history of the period.

—Herbert M. Felner

Religious School News

The Religious School will be closed on Washington's Birthday, Wednesday, February 22, 1961.

Purim Carnival

The Lemberg Auditorium will be transformed into a carnival scene on Sunday, February 26, at 10:00 a.m. when the students of the Religious School, dressed in holiday costumes, will hold their annual Purim Carnival. They will have an opportunity to spend their "carnival" money at their gaily decorated booths featuring games of chance and skill. Parents, too, are invited to join in the fun and, by spending their money freely, will help to strengthen our *Keren Ami* Fund.

A feature attraction of the carnival will be a costume parade. Some students with the help of their parents and grandparents have been busy preparing colorful and attractive costumes. Many ideas for Purim costumes will come from the Purim Workshop conducted by the Parents Association on Thursday, February 16, at 1:30 p.m. All students who come to the carnival dressed in *Shushan* costumes, will be eligible for the ten door prizes to be distributed to the holders of lucky numbers. These costumes should resemble those worn by ancient Persians.

The reading of the *Megillah* for students of the Religious School will be held on Wednesday, March 1, at 4:30 p.m. in the main synagogue. Groggers will be distributed to the students, and the traditional *hamentashen* will be served at the conclusion of the service.

Parents of the children both in the Primary Department and in the Hebrew Department are invited to attend the service with their children.

—Martin Leichtling

New Book By Dr. Kaplan

There has recently appeared a new book by Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan entitled "Greater Judaism In The Making" published by the Reconstructionist Press. In this volume Dr. Kaplan offers a study of the modern evolution of Judaism. It represents a harvest of his lifetime of research and thought.

This book, which has been described as "the crowning achievement of America's leading philosopher of Judaism," is available for purchase at the Cohen Library of the synagogue.

Ceremonial and Gift Shop

Prayer Books — Bibles — Talletim

Mezuzahs — Candle Holders

Hallah Trays — Spice Boxes

Phone: Irma Heller, Chairman of Gift Shop

(AT 9-5500)

Rules And Regulations For Sharon Gardens

Members of Park Avenue Synagogue who are planning to arrange for burial rights in our cemetery will be interested in the Rules and Regulations which were adopted by our Board of Trustees.

After an extended discussion, the Rules and Regulations were first prepared by the Cemetery Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Saul Godwin and co-chairman, Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum. They then underwent the scrutiny of the members of a joint meeting of the Cemetery Committee and the Ritual Committee of which Mr. Archie Thurman is chairman. Subsequently, the Law Committee headed by Mr. Asa D. Sokolow set forth the Rules and Regulations in appropriate phraseology.

Finally, the Board of Trustees at its meeting of February 18, 1960 unanimously adopted the Rules and Regulations which govern the burial rights of our congregation in the Sharon Gardens Section of Kensico Cemetery.

The Rules and Regulations are:

1. The Cemetery Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue shall have general supervision of the Park Avenue area of Sharon Gardens, a division of The Kensico Cemetery, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

2. Park Avenue Synagogue will make available to its members in good standing, and members of their families, burial rights in the said Park Avenue Synagogue area of Sharon Gardens in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Cemetery Committee.

3. Burial rights will be assigned by the Cemetery Committee in accordance with a schedule of contributions and procedures for payment thereof to be established from time to time by the Cemetery Committee.

4. No interments will be permitted, and no deed conveying burial rights will be issued until all contributions have been paid in full.

5. There shall be no interments or disinterments without consent of the Cemetery Committee or some authority of Park Avenue Synagogue to whom the Cemetery Committee shall designate this responsibility.

6. There shall be no transfer, sale or assignment of burial rights without the consent of the Cemetery Committee.

7. No monuments, mausoleums, headstones, vaults or other embellishments may be erected without consent of the Cemetery Committee and The Kensico Cemetery, and then only upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Cemetery Committee and Kensico Cemetery.

8. The size, design, character, material and number of any mausoleum, vault, monument or other embellishment must be approved by the Cemetery Committee and The Kensico Cemetery.

9. The placing or cultivation of shrubs, trees, hedges or mounds shall not be permitted without the consent of the Cemetery Committee, and then only upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Cemetery Committee and The Kensico Cemetery.

10. Park Avenue Synagogue reserves the right to remove upon notice from, in or about any plot, any tree, shrubs, fence, or other embellishment which the Cemetery Committee shall deem unsightly or detrimental to the appearance of the Park Avenue Synagogue area of Sharon Gardens.

11. Kensico Cemetery will make its own charges directly to members each time there is an interment or disinterment, monument erected, or special landscaping provided in accordance with its customary charges. Such charges will include charges for such perpetual maintenance as may be required.

12. Interments will not be permitted on Saturday or on any Jewish holiday.

13. The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to revise, amend or add to these rules and regulations as may be necessary from time to time, and these rules and regulations, as so revised, amended, or added to, from time to time, shall be binding upon all members acquiring burial rights hereunder.

14. All rules and regulations of The Kensico Cemetery now or hereinafter in force or effect are incorporated herein as though set forth in full.

The pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, an almost fanatical love of justice, and the desire for personal independence—these are the features of Jewish tradition which make me thank my stars that I belong to it.

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

Men's Club News

The next meeting of the Men's Club will take place on Tuesday, February 28, 1961 at 8:00 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium.

In recognition of the critical conditions prevailing on the international scene, the Program Committee is endeavoring to obtain a speaker for the evening who is a high ranking member of the United States delegation to the United Nations. This person whose name cannot yet be announced will be in a position to analyze authoritatively the present world situation, give enough background to account for these conditions, and then point out what may be expected.

This regular meeting of the Men's Club will be limited to members and their friends, but no ladies. A collation will, as always, follow the meeting.

The January meeting of the Men's Club devoted to Israel and Zionism was highly successful. In spite of the adverse weather conditions—it was one of those five degree days—more than a hundred people attended. Dr. David S. Andron, the well known Zionist leader, was the guest speaker. He discussed "American Jews and Israel—What of the Future?" The president of the Yorkville group, Mr. Jacob M. Goldenkoff, also addressed the gathering as did Dr. Hector Ritey, chairman of the meeting, and Dr. Harry F. Wechsler, who was the founder of this Zionist district.

—Jacob W. Boorstein

Rabbi Nadich Addresses Luncheon Of Women's League For Israel

Rabbi Judah Nadich addressed the 33rd annual luncheon of the Women's League for Israel held recently at the Waldorf Astoria. Mrs. Jack Starr, a member of Park Avenue Synagogue, is vice-president and chairman of the Executive Board of the League.

Over 1500 guests attended the luncheon, proceeds of which were earmarked for the League's various Israel projects. The League, founded in 1928, operates five homes for young women newcomers in four key cities of Israel, including a Training Center for the Blind in Nathanya. The League is now engaged in building a three-unit \$400,000 student center for students in Jerusalem.

Sisterhood Meeting Features Juliet Benton

Sisterhood's Open Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, will feature Mrs. Leo Benton, known to many of our members as Juliet, since she has been a member of Park Avenue Synagogue as well as of Sisterhood since 1934. Mrs. Benton, who is known for her critical and analytical analysis of books, will review current plays on and off Broadway.

Mrs. Benton is active in both Jewish and communal affairs. She has been on the National Board of Hadassah for fourteen years and on the National Board of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She has been a member of the Speakers' Research Bureau of the United Nations since its inception in 1947.



MRS. LEO BENTON

Mrs. Benton has given several series of lectures for the Women's League of the Seminary on books of Jewish content. She has trained women to give book reviews, both capsule and full-length, and to lead discussion and reading groups.

She has also given courses in public speaking under the auspices of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, ORT and the Council of Jewish Women. For many years she has organized book and author luncheons and has lectured at chapters of Hadassah throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Bazaar — May 2 and 3

On Tuesday, May 2, the Lemberg Auditorium will once again assume the colorful aspects of a department store with booths and tables displaying attractive and varied merchandise. The occasion is the Bazaar for the benefit of the special project of the UJA. It will open with a cocktail party and dinner at 5 o'clock on that day and will continue with an auction of many valuable items of merchandise. The sale of merchandise will also be conducted the following day, Wednesday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The success of this event, however, requires your cooperation. In addition to your presence, we need lots and lots of merchandise. Whatever size package you have, large or small, it will be welcome. Send your packages (new goods only, please) to the Sisterhood Bazaar Committee, Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87 Street.

One of the highlights of the Bazaar is always the dinner and luncheon served in the Lemberg Auditorium. This year Sisterhood is indeed fortunate to have as chairman of this important phase of the Bazaar Mrs. Harold Osserman, who will be most appreciative of your gifts of food.

For further information, please contact the chairman of the Bazaar, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer at AT 9-4743.

—Ethel B. Altschul

Hebrew-Speaking Circle Meets On March 9

The Hebrew Speaking Circle (Chug Ivri) held its monthly meeting on February 9. The meeting was well attended. As is the custom, conversation was carried on in Hebrew as were readings from selected portions in a current Israeli-American Hebrew newspaper.

Lest anyone feel that fluency in the language is required for active partici-

pation, we should like to point out that most of the members are struggling, but with great satisfaction as they find themselves becoming articulate in speaking Hebrew. Therefore any one who has a basic knowledge of Hebrew is welcome.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9.

—Alexander Richman

Parents Association

Dessert Tea For Class Mothers

The Parents Association is planning a dessert tea for Class Mothers to be held on Thursday, February 16, from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Jacob L. Oberman, chairman of Class Mothers, who will be in charge of the tea, will explain the function of the class mother, her duties and responsibilities.

Purim Workshop

Following the tea, the Parents Association will hold a Purim Workshop. Mrs. Robert Altman, our chairman, invites all mothers and grandmothers to attend. There will be a fine display of Purim costumes, decorations traditional of the Purim Festival, recipes for food, decorations and suitable games. Here they will find help in obtaining ideas for Purim costumes for the annual synagogue Purim Carnival for their youngsters.

Parents Friday Service - March 10

We are all looking forward to the Parents Association service which will take place on Friday evening, March 10, at 8:30 p.m. The audience will have the privilege of hearing Charles Angoff, distinguished author and editor, speak on "Jewish-American Literature — A Survey."

An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the service during which the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Angoff on Jewish American Literature.

Abby Kirsch

A Note Of Appreciation

As chairman of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies for Park Avenue Synagogue Sisterhood, I wish to extend my sincerest and warmest thanks for their co-operation to: Mrs. Paul Bercu, co-chairman; Mrs. Harold Osserman, chairman of Special Gifts; Mrs. M. Morris Cohn, chairman of Apartment House Canvass; members of Sisterhood Executive Board and to Mrs. Albert Cornell, Parents Association representative.

As the 1960-1961 Federation campaign draws to a close, I would also like to express my gratitude to Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow and Mrs. Sanford Cohen for their ever-ready and capable assistance which was of so much help to me.

—Florence Spiegel

Sisterhood Federation Chairman

UJA Women's Division

The 1961 general campaign of the United Jewish Appeal will seek to meet the increased needs of 600,000 men, women and children throughout the world. Because the cost of this life-building, life-saving program is greater than ever before, increased funds must be raised (1) to keep the stream of Jewish migration flowing from danger areas of the world to democratic havens, (2) to bring the basic necessities of life to human beings in twenty-six nations and (3) to continue the urgent task of providing decent housing for immigrants to Israel still living in slum-like transition camps.

This year, for the first time in its history, the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York is inaugurating a three-year "Adopt-a-Project" campaign, over and above its general campaign, to give 300,000 immigrants to Israel the long-awaited help they need to become independent. As its project the Women's Division has agreed to provide a remedy for Israel's major, unsolved health problem—mental illness.

Of the 10,000 mentally ill adults and children who will be aided by this project, 5,000 are presently locked away in basically inadequate hospitals, thousands are discharged patients who need follow-up care, and hundreds more are awaiting admission to mental institutions.

Douglas Bredt, Choir Member, To Give Concert

On Saturday afternoon, February 18, at 2:30 p.m., Douglas Bredt, a young bass-baritone, will give a concert at Town Hall. Mr. Bredt has been a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue choir for many years, and it is hoped that many of our congregants will attend the concert by this talented artist.

Mr. Bredt has had a versatile musical career which has ranged from producing complete operas with his own puppets to appearing in New York City in the leading operatic roles of "Don Pasquale", "Euryanthe", and Handel's "Ezio". Of Mr. Bredt's completeness as an artist, a critic has said: "He sings with a fine sense of the dramatic elements of the character, excellent tone color and command of his voice."

Should you desire tickets—and we hope you do—please contact Hazzan David J. Putterman at the synagogue.

College Student Praises Synagogue Library

We thought our readers would be interested in the following letter recently received by Mrs. Hilde Kisch, our librarian from a Harvard College student.

Dear Mrs. Kisch:

During the last holiday vacation, I had occasion to avail myself of your library. In connection with a course on Jewish classics, I had hunted through the confusion of the Widener Library for several kabbalistic and hassadic texts and had not found them.

In New York, I tried your library on the off-chance that your library might have them. I was taken completely by surprise when I found that your library had such an excellent selection of Judaica that it contained all the works that had been read or suggested in the course. I was flabbergasted to find that all these books were not only available, but almost instantaneously so.

Congratulations to one of the best organized and well-selected libraries I have ever seen.

Sincerely,
Stephen Jacoby

Intensive Hebrew Course Well Attended

The *Ulpaniyah*, the beginners' course in Hebrew, continues to meet with fine attendance every Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. for a two-hour session, with Dr. Aaron Giat as instructor. The men and women attending the course evince great enthusiasm for the manner in which it has been conducted, and are pleased with the progress they have made. This *Ulpaniyah* has had a surprising registration of some thirty students.

Jews In America Lecture

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Dr. Kayser, our good neighbor, serves as the curator of The Jewish Museum of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America at Fifth Avenue and 92 Street, the former Warburg home. One of the world's leading experts on Jewish art, Dr. Kayser holds the title of Associate Professor at the Seminary. He has written in several languages in addition to English on the general subject of relations between religion and art. Before coming to New York, he served as professor of art history at San Jose State College of California.

Under his direction, the Jewish Museum at the present time is featuring an exhibit on "The Jews and the Civil War" in observance of the hundredth anniversary of the great American conflict.

Mr. Angoff - Guest Speaker - Mar. 10

The third lecture in the series will be sponsored by the Parents Association on Friday evening, March 10. Mr. Charles Angoff, noted novelist, will speak on "Jewish-American Literature — A Survey."

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Block upon the engagement of their daughter, Audrey, to John Heckler.

Dr. and Mrs. Lester Breidenbach upon the marriage of their son, Lester, Jr., to Carolyn Strauss Kline-man.

Mrs. Dorothy Kaplan and Mr. Harry Menkes upon their recent marriage.

Judge and Mrs. Simon Rifkind upon the engagement of their son, Robert S. to Miss Arleen Brenner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weintraub upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

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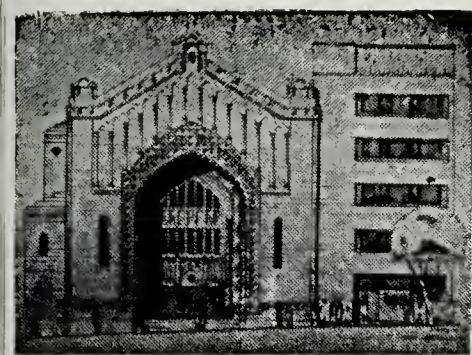
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Eleventh Yahrzeit Of Rabbi Milton Steinberg To Be Commemorated March 17 Rabbi Ira Eisenstein Will Be Guest Speaker

The annual service commemorating the anniversary of the death of the late beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg will take place Friday evening, March 17, 1961, with Rabbi Ira Eisenstein as guest speaker. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman together with the synagogue choir and Mr. George Crook at the organ will officiate.

Rabbi Steinberg went to his eternal reward on March 20, 1950, the Hebrew date of his *yahrzeit* being the second day of Nisan. One of the great rabbis on the American scene, he served Park Avenue Synagogue with distinction and dedication from 1933 to 1950. Through his

lectures and books, the qualities of his spirit and the talents of his mind became known to many Jews through the land. His books are still read and studied with great profit to this day by countless numbers of people. Only during this past year a new, posthumous work appeared, entitled "Anatomy of Faith," edited and with an introduction by Mr. Arthur A. Cohen.

Rabbi Ira Eisenstein knew Rabbi Steinberg intimately over a period of many years, and the two served together as members of the Board of Editors of *The Reconstructionist* magazine. In tribute to their friendship, Rabbi Eisenstein



RABBI IRA EISENSTEIN

will appear on the pulpit at the eleventh *yahrzeit* service on March 17 and will speak on the subject, "Peoplehood as a Spiritual Force."

Rabbi Eisenstein is today the president of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation and editor of *The Reconstructionist*. Ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, he has served as Visiting Professor of Homiletics at the Seminary. For a number of years he was the leader of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, and for five years was the rabbi of The Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago. In 1952 and 1953, he was president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America. He is the author of "Creative Judaism," "What We Mean by Religion" and "The Ethics of Tolerance."

Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman will offer memorial prayers during the service, with the congregation rising for the *Kaddish*.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, March 10.....8:30 P.M.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION SABBATH

Charles Angoff, author and critic, will speak on
"JEWISH-AMERICAN LITERATURE — A SURVEY"

Oneg Shabbat tea and discussion following the service

Saturday Morning, March 11.....9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Carl Norman Applebaum
son of Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Applebaum

Friday Evening, March 17.....8:30 P.M.

Eleventh Yahrzeit Service in memory of Rabbi Milton Steinberg

Rabbi Ira Eisenstein will speak on
"PEOPLEHOOD AS A SPIRITUAL FORCE"

Saturday Morning, March 18.....9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Jeffrey Sokolow
son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa D. Sokolow

Friday Evening, March 24.....8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"PRELUDE TO A FESTIVAL"

A Teaching Sermon on Passover

Saturday Morning, March 25.....9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan David Towers
son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Towers

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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Rabbi Nadich Opens Session of Congress With Prayer

Rabbi Nadich was given the honor of being invited to open the session of the House of Representatives in Washington on Monday, March 6, 1961. He was escorted to the House chamber by the Congressional chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Bernard Braskamp, and by Congressman John V. Lindsay of Manhattan.

The invocation was printed in the Congressional Record as follows (the opening Hebrew words were printed in Hebrew characters):

Ana Elohei haruhot lekhoh basar: O Lord God, Father of all men, Thy existence invests our life with meaning, our struggle with purpose, our actions with significance. Cause us to understand that all that we think and do either advances Thy kingdom on earth or delays its realization. Our prayer is an attempt to seek Thee and to know Thy demands upon us. Our deed, however, is the instrument for the sanctification of our personal lives.

May our deeds this day and every day be fashioned in love and understanding, sympathy and compassion. Executed in truth and sincerity, may they aim for righteousness and justice, brotherhood and peace. For these are Thy purposes for which Thou hast summoned us to life, By our devotion to them, we sanctify our being and link it with life eternal.

Bless, we pray Thee, those whom the people have set on high to body forth these divine purposes into ever growing fulfillment, the President of the United States of America, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and all the members of the Congress. May their deliberations and the fruit of them exalt our beloved country in righteousness and hasten the day of peace for all mankind. Amen.

Charles Angoff - Speaker At Parents Service

At the Friday evening service on March 10, 1961, the noted American novelist and critic, Mr. Charles Angoff, will occupy the pulpit and will speak on "Jewish-American Literature — A Survey". This will be the annual Parents Association service originally scheduled for January 20 but postponed because of the snowstorm occurring on that date. Mr. Angoff's lecture, while sponsored by the Parents Association, forms a part of the series being offered this year on Friday evenings under the general heading of "Jews and America." Earlier lecturers in the series were Dr. Oscar Handlin of Harvard University, who spoke on February 17 on "Jews and the Civil War," and Dr. Stephen S. Kayser, curator of The Jewish Museum, who spoke on March 3 on "The Jew and Art in America."

After the forthcoming Friday evening service, an Oneg Shabbat tea and discussion period will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium with Mr. Angoff answering questions.

Charles Angoff was a close associate of H. L. Mencken on the former *American Mercury*. In his own right he is known as one of the most distinguished writers of novels and short stories with Jewish background. He was presented the Daroff Fiction Award by the Jewish Book Council of America for his "In the Morning Light" which was chosen as the best novel of American Jewish life in 1954. He has taught American literature at New York University and Hunter College and now teaches at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The service will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ. Members of the Parents Association who will participate in the service are: Mesdames Norbert Acker, Mortimer Brandt, Sam Deutsch, Louis I. Kaplan, Robert B. Kirsch, Jack Kurzweil, Jacob Oberman and Seymour Wimpfheimer.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
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Congregational Seder

The *Seder* held annually at Park Avenue Synagogue will take place this year on Saturday evening, April 1. The evening service in the synagogue will begin at 5:45 p.m. and will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by the *Seder* itself in the Lemberg Auditorium. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct the *Seder* and will be assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook, accompanist.

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Congregation, is pleased to announce that Mrs. Albert A. List will be chairman of the *Seder* this year. Reservations are limited, with priority given to members of the congregation and members of their families. Since no reservations can be accepted beyond the maximum comfortable capacity of the Lemberg Auditorium, it is imperative that the members of our congregation who desire to attend the *Seder* send in their reservations as early as possible. Each congregant will receive a card to be filled out and returned to the synagogue office together with the remittance for the desired number of reservations.

Dr. and Mrs. Rubinstein Donate Prayer Books

Park Avenue Synagogue wishes to express its gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. Murray A. Rubinstein for their kind donation of Sabbath and Festival Prayer Books in memory of Mrs. Rubinstein's mother, Mrs. Dora Ginsberg, and in memory of our beloved, devoted member Frances A. Munves.

These books will be appropriately inscribed with the name of those in whose memory they were given.

Yahrzeit Services

The eleventh anniversary of the Hebrew date of the death of Rabbi Milton Steinberg, the second day of Nisan, will be observed with special chapel services on Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19. The daily service takes place in the Appleman Chapel at 5:45 p.m.

Members of the congregation are especially invited to attend these two chapel services when the Kaddish will be recited in memory of Rabbi Steinberg.

Annual Purim Party — A Gay, Informal Affair



The following new members of the synagogue took part in the reading of the *Book of Esther* at the annual Purim party. From left to right:

First row: Mrs. Howard Engelhardt; Mrs. Irene Friedman; Mrs. Adolf Stangel, chairman; Mrs. Harold Tompkins, Mrs. Justine Clapper.

Second row: Mr. Jerome Jacobs; Mrs. Max August; Judge Sylvia Liese; Mr. Morris E. Biederman.

Third row: Mr. Arthur Bienenstock; Mr. Irving Goodstein; Mr. Martin N. Urban; Mr. A. Stanley Robinson.

Wednesday, March 1, marked a gala event at Park Avenue Synagogue — the annual *Purim* party. The celebration began with the reading of the *megillah* in the main synagogue during which Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David Putterman officiated.

In keeping with the tradition of inviting new members to participate in the reading of the *Book of Esther*, the congregants shown in the photo above took part.

Following the service, the celebration and party took place in the Lemberg Auditorium, gaily decorated with original Purim motifs designed and carried out by the very talented chairman, Mrs. Adolf Stangel.

Mr. Leo C. Adler and his orchestra provided music and entertainment throughout the party. Masks for the guests added to the excitement and fun as did the guessing of the identity of the mystery masquerader. The mood of the evening was informal and gay in keeping with the spirit of the joyous festival of Purim. Refreshments, traditional of the holiday, were served during the evening.

For their efforts in making the party so delightful, we are grateful to Mrs. Adolf Stangel, chairman, who gave of



Mr. Jacob Klein, president of Park Avenue Synagogue, greets the president of the Mr. and Mrs. Club, Dr. Julius J. Leichtling, who was the mystery masquerader.

her time and talents unstintingly; Mrs. Albert Siegel, her co-chairman; and the members of the committee: Mrs. Louis Zimmerman, hostess; Miss Leona Giat, Mrs. Leon Klein, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil and Mrs. Paul Miller.

—RMR

Men's Club News

Meeting - March 28

At the next meeting of the Men's Club to be held on Tuesday, March 28, the speaker will be Mr. William B. Harris, who, from 1948 until he resigned in January, was director of the Health and Safety Laboratory, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. Mr. Harris will talk on the misconceptions and fallacies involved in radiation protection.

After obtaining his degree in Chemical Engineering from Rensselaer, Mr. Harris took his Master's degree at Harvard in Industrial Hygiene. He made that field his career serving for eleven years as industrial hygiene engineer in the New York State Department of Labor and as Industrial Hygiene and Safety Officer at various Army Air Depots during the war.

Mr. Harris is active on many important committees in the national professional organizations in his field. He has contributed extensively to the literature on health protection particularly in the handling of uranium, beryllium and the newer metals.

With such an impressive background, and with a subject so little known to laymen and yet so important, Mr. Harris promises to be a most interesting speaker. His talk will be illustrated by slides.

This regular meeting of the Men's Club is for men only.

To celebrate its *Bar Mitzvah* year, its coming of age, the Men's Club has decided, by vote of the Board of Directors on February 14, to present to the Parish House Fund of Park Avenue Synagogue the sum of \$1300, one hundred dollars for each year of its existence as an arm of the synagogue. This *Bar Mitzvah* gift is in the finest Jewish tradition.

In the past, the gifts of the Men's Club to the synagogue have taken the form of specific items — the War Memorial in the south west corner of the synagogue auditorium, the redecorating of the men's rooms, the lectern used in the Lemberg Auditorium, the large movie screen and, most recently, the canopy over the entrance to the synagogue. In addition, the Men's Club pays the entire cost of maintaining the Daily Chapel Service, the *Minyan*, and presents each *Bar Mitzvah* boy and *Bat Mitzvah* girl with a book of Jewish interest.

—Jacob W. Boorstein

Books At A Glance

Recently a number of publications have come off the press dealing with one of the most gruesome chapters of Jewish history — the Nazi holocaust. Such historically significant volumes as William Shirer's *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, Alan Bullock's *Hitler*, Quentin Reynolds's *Minister of Death*, *The Adolf Eichmann Story*, and Miklos Nyiszli's *Auschwitz* — repugnant and terrifying as their contents may be — are on the shelves of the Cohen Library.

There is one book that ought to be singled out here because of its especially stirring and heart-rending nature: *Children's Drawing and Poems Terezin 1942-44*. Edited by Hana Volavkova and published by the State Jewish Museum in Prague in 1959, it contains the artistic work of thirty-nine young captives in the ill-famed concentration camp at Terezin. As the introduction explains, 4,000 such drawings are preserved in the archives of the Museum and are part of the post-war collection of documents on the persecution at Terezin. This small town, about 60 miles from Prague, represented by the Nazis as a "model ghetto" to inspecting officials of foreign organizations, was in reality a place of horror and famine. Everyone sent there was sooner or later doomed either to die from hunger, or disease, or to be deported to the eastern extermination camps. Of the 15,000 children who stayed there, only a hundred survived. During their imprisonment, they were secretly given schooling by untrained volunteer instructors who encouraged and taught them to draw. They also made pictures out of such materials as they could find: for instance, old office stationery, wrapping paper etc., which they cut out or tore into various shapes and designs. The children were allowed to choose their own subjects, and it is amazing to see what they drew or painted: things remembered from a better and brighter past — flowers, houses, birds, animals, butterflies, rivers, boats — and also the depressing sights from the terrible prison camp in which they lived.

The poems betray their deeply felt fears and their longings to go away to "nicer people" and places, to "go home".

This profoundly moving book which has been translated into English, French, and German, is a fitting memorial for those who created it and a forceful reminder of human tragedy.

—Hilde Kisch, Librarian

We Take Pride In - - -

Judge Irving R. Kaufman, a member of Park Avenue Synagogue, who in a major decision ruled that the Board of Education of New Rochelle had intentionally created Lincoln School as a racially segregated school, and had not acted in good faith to implement desegregation. Judge Kaufman ruled that Lincoln School, which is predominately Negro, must be desegregated as required by the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment.

Mr. Samuel Lemberg, a trustee of Park Avenue Synagogue, and Mrs. Lemberg, chairman of the Arts and Decoration Committee, for their grant to Brandeis University to help underwrite child psychology. A fellowship in honor of Mr. Lemberg's parents will furnish support for a gifted student in child psychology.

Mr. Maurice Levin of our synagogue, to whom President John F. Kennedy paid tribute at a dinner at the Hotel Pierre for his gift toward the total development program of the Hebrew University. This event celebrated the laying of the cornerstone of a new edifice at Ein Karem, Jerusalem, which has been named the Ida and Maurice Levin Building of the Hebrew University—Hadassah School of Dentistry.

Dr. Joseph A. Pincus, our member, who was re-elected president by the New York County Academy of General Practice, an organization of family physicians in Manhattan; and Dr. Stanley Greenwald, our member, who was re-elected secretary.

Mrs. Albert A. List, who was again co-chairman of the Purim Ball held at The Jewish Museum on March 4 for the benefit of The Jewish Museum.

Mr. Joseph I. Lubin appointed by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, on a nationwide committee of outstanding Jewish leaders who will plan the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Seminary to take place next year.

Mr. Milton Weill, a trustee of Park Avenue Synagogue, who has donated historical papers of great significance to The American Jewish Historical Society. These papers comprise correspondence relating to Mr. Weill's work as chairman of the Armed Services Division of the National Jewish Welfare Board during World War II.

Religious School News

Camp Ramah

Camp Ramah comes to New York! We are happy to announce that a sixth Ramah Camp is open for registration for the 1961 season.

Camp Ramah in New York has been opened at Nyack to serve the needs of the congregations in the Metropolitan region and in New Jersey. The camp will follow in the tradition of the Ramah Camps in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, California and Canada and provide the campers with a complete program of sports, arts and music in addition to the study of Hebrew and Judaica—all under the guidance of a mature and able staff of counselors.

Because registration for the Ramah Camps has always been over-subscribed, a quota of campers is accepted from each congregation. Park Avenue Synagogue has been allocated a limited number of places at Camp Ramah in New York. Parents who are interested in securing further information are urged to call Mr. Leichtling (EN 9-2600) immediately for applications or further information. Registration closes March 17, 1961.

Scholarship Winners

The Regents scholarships of the State of New York grants sums of \$250 to \$700 per annum to students who attend a college in New York and have passed an exhaustive competitive examination.

The faculty and the students extend their congratulations to the former students in the Religious School who have been awarded scholarships this year: Donald A. Bachman, Richard Danzig, Stephen O. Dell, Tomi M. Deutsch, Joel S. Grantz, Ruth J. Jacobs, Bruce I. Kogan, Jeffrey S. Mehlman, Jon Ostriker, Daniel H. Ritey, Mark A. Siegel and Richard H. Weisberg.

Educators Assembly to Convene

The Ninth Annual Convention of the Educators' Assembly of the United Synagogue of America will be held at the Concord Hotel from March 12 through Wednesday, March 15, 1961.

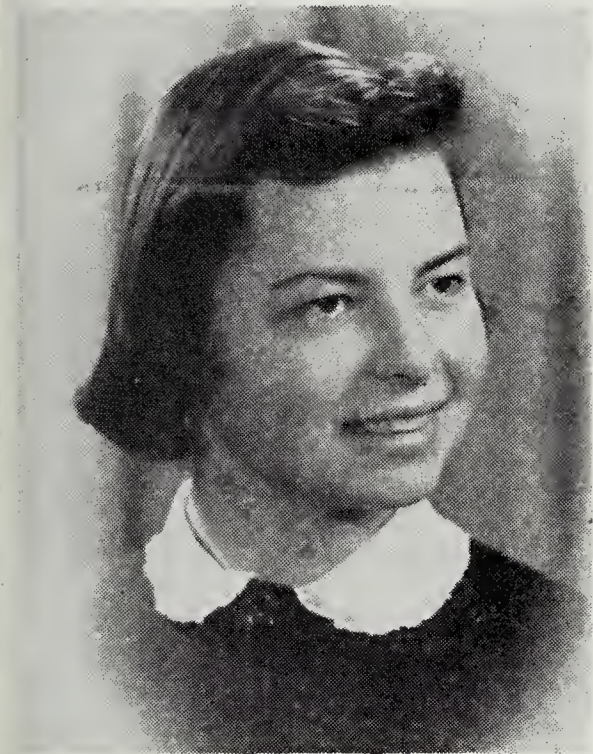
The Educators' Assembly, which consists of the educational leaders of congregations in the United States and Canada, has selected as the convention theme, "Improving Instruction Through Supervision." The high professional level of the deliberations is assured by the number of distinguished scholars and educational leaders who will participate

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Sisterhood News: Open Meeting March 21

Sisterhood is planning a very special and varied program for its Open Meeting on Tuesday, March 21. As usual, coffee and cake will be served at 12:30 p.m. before the meeting begins.

To inaugurate the UJA campaign, Mrs. Harold Cohen, a sister-in-law of the late Rabbi Milton Steinberg, will discuss the present situation in world Jewry and Israel's major unsolved health problem — mental illness. "Memo to Eichmann", a timely film, will be shown.



EDNA GUZMAN

Talented Israeli Pianist

Also on the program will be a talented, young Israeli pianist, Edna Guzman. At present, she is studying music on a scholarship at the Juilliard School of Music. She has performed in concerts and on radio since she was fourteen. For this afternoon, she has prepared a special program.

This promises to be an interesting and stimulating afternoon. Don't miss it! Be sure to save the date—Tuesday, March 21.

Bazaar — May 2 and 3

May 2 and 3 are the bargain days—the Bazaar days at Park Avenue Synagogue. In addition to having fun bargain-hunting, you will also be doing a good deed, since the Bazaar is for the benefit of the Special Project of the United Jewish Appeal.

The Bazaar will open on the evening of Tuesday, May 2, at five o'clock with a cocktail party and dinner under the capable supervision of Mrs. Harold Osserman. Following the dinner, there will be games with wonderful prizes and the sale of varied merchandise attractively displayed in booths. Lunch will be served at noon on Wednesday, during which day the sale of merchandise will continue until five o'clock.

As a grand finale, a drawing will take place for a valuable prize—an exquisite, portable Emerson television set with a 17" screen. Books will be in the mail soon with tickets at \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Watch for them so that you will not miss the opportunity to win this valuable prize.

Please send your packages of merchandise (new goods only, please) to the Sisterhood Bazaar Committee, Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87 Street, New York City.

For further information, please contact the chairman of the Bazaar, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer at AT 9-4743.

—Ethel B. Altschul

Reconstructionists Initiate Teenage Camp

Parents of high school students will be particularly interested in a camp-study program for 40 teenagers which will be inaugurated this summer by the Reconstructionist Fellowship of Congregations.

Situated in a special area at the site of Cejwin Camps, Camp Gesher ("The Bridge") will serve boys of 15 and 16 and girls of 14 and 15. The director will be Rabbi Ludwig Nadelman of Beth Shalom Synagogue, White Plains; and the resident educational consultant will be Rabbi Jack J. Cohen of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, New York City. Heading a group of talented Hebrew-speaking counselors will be Jonathan Levine, who has a broad background of camping experience.

There will be daily study periods of Hebrew as well as intensive work in the creative arts of drama, dance and music. A distinguished visiting faculty will hold short-term special seminars to enrich the campers' knowledge and understanding not only of their Jewish heritage, but of its meaning and application to their lives as Americans. This educational program will complement a schedule of land and water sports which will take full advantage of the hills, woods and waterfront near Port Jervis, New York.

The camp registrar, Mrs. Maurice Gurin, can be reached at TR 7-3595 or RE 7-4668, or by mail at 32 West 86 Street for folders and admission applications. Registration closes March 15.

Happy Birthday, President Jacob Klein

The entire congregation expresses its good wishes to the beloved president of Park Avenue Synagogue, Mr. Jacob Klein, upon the celebration of his eighty-third birthday on March 12.

Together with the heartfelt congratulations go the prayerful hopes that his beloved Gertrude and he will observe many more happy birthdays in good health and with undiminished joy. May they continue to enjoy the love of their children and grandchildren, and the affection and admiration of their larger family that holds them both so dear—the entire membership of Park Avenue Synagogue and its affiliate organizations. *Mazal Tov!*

Parents Association

Under the able guidance of Mrs. Robert Altman, chairman, a Passover Work Shop sponsored by the Parents Association will be held on Thursday, March 23, at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Altman will explain how to set a Passover table with appropriate decorations, symbols and foods, and thus parents will learn how to make the holiday exciting and appealing to their families. Mothers who cannot leave their children at home during this hour will find the youngsters welcomed by Mrs. Altman, who plans to have them entertained while their mothers are busy.

Dr. Milton Levine, eminent author and lecturer on sex education, gave informative talks to the children aimed to help them meet the physical and emotional changes of adolescence.

Congregants may now purchase books which they have seen in our excellent Cohen Library by contacting Mrs. Robert Altman. A sign in the library and return mailing cards to Mrs. Altman will enable them to avail themselves of this new facility.

We are looking forward to hearing Charles Angoff, distinguished author and editor, speak on "Jewish-American Literature — a Survey" during the Parents Association Friday evening services which will take place on March 10 at 8:30 p.m.

An Oneg Shabbat will follow the service during which the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Angoff. Members of the Parents Association will serve as hostesses.

—Abby Kirsch

Accent On Youth

The young people of our Youth Group are engaged in two particularly noteworthy activities at this time. The first of these concerns itself with an original Passover pageant to be presented on the afternoon of Sunday, March 26, 1961 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. Members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

Through original narration, interpretive dancing, the poetry of Hayyim Nahman Bialik, and an Eternal Light script about the Warsaw Ghetto, the group plans to present the Passover holiday as it relates itself to the hope of the Jewish people for independence. The choreography and coaching of the dancers are under the direction of Mrs. Electa Rodriguez.

The production has been arranged by our senior USY club adviser, Mr. Bernie Green, assisted by the following members: Rosanne Alberts, Susan Carr, Lois Finkel, Richard Hurtig, Stanley Kurzweil, Bob Leifert, Susan Mansly, Fay Mergrun, Richard Rubin, Irene Steiner and Jonathan Stowe.

Kinus Katan

A most momentous occasion is in the offing for the members of our USY groups as plans for the *Kinus Katan* materialize.

This affair, a first for Park Avenue Synagogue Youth Activities, will bring two suburban youth groups to our community for a week-end of study, prayer, and social activities.

Tentative plans envision week-end hosting at the homes of our club members; a catered Shabbat supper in the synagogue Friday evening; Friday evening and Saturday services conducted by our own members; panel discussions on Saturday afternoon; *Havdalah* services and a dance Saturday night. A Sunday morning skating date will round out a memorable weekend for all.

Date for the *Kinus* has been set for the week-end of May 12, 13 and 14.

—Irving Goldberg

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Cemetery Deeds Issued To Our Congregants

After a careful review by our Cemetery Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Saul Godwin, and our Law Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Asa D. Sokolow, Park Avenue Synagogue has recently issued deeds to affirm the burial rights of congregants who have made special contributions to the congregation in connection with obtaining the burial rights.

The Park Avenue Synagogue cemetery, located in Valhalla, New York, is in the Sharon Gardens Section of Kensico Cemetery.

All the deeds have been signed by Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Milton M. Sivek, treasurer of the congregation; and witnessed by Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee.

The congregants to whom these deeds were issued are: Mr. Elias Bloomgarten, Mr. Harry A. Cohen, Dr. Frank E. Cross, Mr. Samuel P. Epstein, Dr. Samuel Kulkin, Mr. Louis Lavitt, Mr. Mitchell Leventhal, Mr. Edward Munves, Sr., Hon. Irving M. Rosen, Mr. Theodore H. Silbert, Dr. Samuel Stern, Mr. Philip L. Tuchman and Dr. Louis Wender.

The above congregants obtained burial rights in plots ranging in size from 4 - 6 - 8 or 12 graves.

—S.R.K.

Youth Aliyah Day Sunday, March 19

This year Child's Day for Youth Aliyah will be observed throughout the United States and Puerto Rico on Sunday, March 19, 1961. The Youth Aliyah, the international agency for the rescue of homeless Jewish children, has dedicated itself to reclaiming these children and integrating them into the productive fabric of Israel.

There will be special ceremonies in various parts of the country highlighting the importance of Youth Aliyah. In the United States Hadassah has contributed more than \$38.5 million toward the agency's work.

The event is under the joint auspices of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Pioneer Women, and the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America.

Mr. and Mrs. Club Events

At its last meeting in February, the Mr. and Mrs. Club had the privilege of listening to an illuminating talk on investments in common stocks by the well known investment broker, Maurie Benjamin, of Benjamin, Hill and Co. After his lecture, Mr. Benjamin answered numerous questions deftly, and amazed the audience with his enormous wealth of knowledge.

At our next meeting on March 6, 1961, there will be a talk followed by a discussion period on "Marital Affairs and Marital Relations in the United States," led by Helen Wargotz, a specialist in this subject.

Art Exhibit

Andrew Fier has been appointed chairman of the art exhibit, a major educational and social function sponsored by our organization for the benefit of the entire congregation and their friends. This will take place on April 22, 23 and 24. The Parents Association and the Youth Group will also be invited to participate. Mr. Fier is busy organizing his committees and is determined to make this year's exhibit even more outstanding than the last one which was received so well by our congregation. Details concerning the presentation of art works by exhibitors will be given in subsequent issues of the Bulletin.

—Julius J. Leichtling

Dance Instruction? Mr. Mrs. Club Plans Class

The Mr. and Mrs. Club is considering offering a dance course at the synagogue in modern dancing—the cha-cha, mambo, meringué, rhumba, tango and pasa doble—at a nominal fee per couple. At the present time, several members of the congregation have expressed their interest in such a class. If you desire to participate in group dancing lessons to be conducted by a competent professional instructor, please communicate with Dr. Herbert M. Felner at PL 5-0871.

Condolences

Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman upon the death of her mother, Dora Kopit.

Mrs. Anna Edelman upon the death of her sister-in-law, Elsie Korn.

Bible Group To Study Book Of Esther

The Bible Study Group sponsored by the Mr. and Mrs. Club of Park Avenue Synagogue continues its study of the Megillah — the Book of Esther. The next two sessions will be hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Selig Ginsberg, and by Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Brandt.

The Book of Esther is the book read in synagogues throughout the world on the Feast of Purim. To this very day, we are thrilled by the bravery of the Good Queen Esther, and appalled by the abominations of Haman in this familiar story. However, we are indebted to Rabbi Samuel Schafler, our discussion leader, for the able way in which he fills in the background of the times—the mores, the plight of the Jewish people, and the general history of the period.

—Herbert M. Felner

Problem Of Our Time

The central problem of our time is *emptiness in the heart*, that we do not know how to cry, how to pray, or how to resist the deceptions of the hidden persuaders . . .

Our greatest threat is not the atomic bomb. Our greatest threat is the callousness to the suffering of men. The most urgent task faced by American education is to destroy the myth that accumulation of wealth and the achievement of comfort are the chief vocations of men. How can adjustment to society be an inspiration to our youth, if that society persists in squandering the material resources of the world on luxuries in a world where more than a billion people go to bed hungry every night? We betray our youth if we fail to teach and to live by the principle that the destiny of man is to aid, to serve.

For the *high standard of living* that young people enjoy, we must demand in return a *high standard of doing, a high standard of thinking*. Charity, being personally involved in relieving the sufferings of man, is as important to education as the acquisition of technical skills. We must implant in the pupil a sensitivity to the challenging question: *What shall I do with power? What shall I do with prosperity or with success?*

A radical revision of values is the call of the hour.

—Prof. Abraham J. Heschel

Passover Help Needed

It has always been traditional among our people to think of the needy at all times of the year but particularly at the Passover season. As a matter of fact, appeals used to be made regularly from synagogue pulpits at this time of the year in order to provide the poor with the requirements for the *Seder* and the meals for the entire eight days of Passover.

Although we do not have pulpit appeals for this purpose, the needy still exist. Under the auspices of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, a Joint Passover Relief Association carries on the work of supervising and coordinating the distribution of funds and food requirements for Passover among the families who need this help. In addition, The New York Board of Rabbis carries on the eminently worthwhile project of distributing Passover food and other festival necessities among the almost 20,000 Jewish residents of mental institutions in the state of New York and others who cannot be with their own families for the holiday.

Both of these agencies have turned to Park Avenue Synagogue as they do to Jewish congregations throughout the city to ask for contributions. Normally our Welfare fund would respond to these requests. However, the Welfare fund is now in a state of depletion and requires immediate and generous replenishment.

Readers of this story whose hearts move them to the desire to help this worthy cause may send their checks to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund, with their hearts dictating the amount.

Teen-Ager Accepted For Israel Pilgrimage

Miss Susan Carr, a member of our teen-age group affiliated with the United Synagogue Youth, has had her application accepted by the National Committee on Admissions for the United Synagogue Youth Israel Pilgrimage to take place in the summer of 1961.

Susan, a student in our Hebrew School, was Bat Mitzvah in our synagogue. She is the first of our teen-agers to go on this annual pilgrimage to Israel under the sponsorship of the national USY. We extend our heartiest congratulations to her.

Sophie Tucker Honored At UJA Luncheon

The United Jewish Appeal will pay tribute to one of the darlings of the theatrical world, the inimitable Sophie Tucker, at a Life-line Luncheon to be held in the grand ball room of the Plaza Hotel on Monday, March 27, 1961.

Miss Tucker's interest in UJA throughout the years is well known, particularly the establishment of Children's Centers in Israel. Please reserve this day to insure a good representation of the women of Sisterhood and of the Parents Association at this luncheon in honor of a great lady.

Volunteer workers throughout the city will meet in preparation for the luncheon on Thursday, March 9, at 10:30 a.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium of the Milton Steinberg House. At this meeting, they will learn about the unprecedented UJA campaign for 1961 and the special role which the Women's Division will play in making it a success.

Eternity

From a collection of poems by Dr. Nathan Friedman, son of our Hazzan Abraham Friedman, we quote his poem "Eternity":

This moment is forever,
Most real, most divine;
It is the only pulse that beats
In all the sweep of time.
This moment is the most intense
In all the throb of history,
The only real living pulse;
Now is eternity.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, March 10 5:37 p.m.
Friday, March 17 5:44 p.m.
Friday, March 24 5:52 p.m.

Religious School News

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in the forums. Professor Abraham J. Heschel will deliver the keynote address; Professor Joseph Justman of Brooklyn College will discuss recent thinking on creative supervision. Professor Zalman Dimitrovsky of the Jewish Theological Seminary will lead a *Torah* session.

Mr. Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School, will represent Park Avenue Synagogue at the convention.

Martin Leichtling

College Board Hebrew Examination In March

The College Board Achievement Test in modern Hebrew will be given for the first time in March, 1961. High School students throughout the nation will be able to take this examination as one of their qualifications for college admission.

The inclusion of Hebrew in the College Board program is a milestone in the growing recognition of the instruction of Hebrew as a living language in the United States. The success of the Hebrew examination is bound to have far-reaching effects and will be a source of encouragement to thousands of secondary school students engaged in the study of this subject.

A booklet describing the nature of the Hebrew Achievement Test, including sample questions in Hebrew grammar, vocabulary and reading comprehension, has been published by the College Entrance Examination Board. To obtain a free copy, write to: Hebrew Culture Council, 426 West 58 Street, New York 19.

Student Summer Tours To Israel And Europe

The Israel Summer Seminar for high school students has announced plans to take sixty boys and girls this summer on a tour of Israel and Europe. These tours are conducted as an incentive project to encourage the study of modern Hebrew among American adolescents.

On the way to and from Israel, the members of the seminar will tour Holland, France, Switzerland and Italy and will meet with youth groups of these countries.

Thirty college students will tour Israel and five European countries this summer as members of a Hebrew language course given by Hunter College. This course which will yield three college credits will include two sections—one for those with a limited knowledge of Hebrew and the other for intermediate students.

For further information about these tours, please contact: Hebrew Culture Council, 426 West 58 Street, New York City.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Godfried Jacob upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leichtling upon the birth of a grandson, Clifford Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Lorant upon the birth of a granddaughter, Lisa Beth.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peiper upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sabsevit upon the marriage of their son, Arnold, to Miss Lite Bielenberg.

Mrs. Rita Sander upon her marriage to Mr. Abraham N. Rosen.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Schoenbaum upon the birth of a grandson, Benjamin Noah, and upon the birth of a granddaughter, Judith.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman S. Tischkenkel upon their tenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vogelstein upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbot Weisbrod upon the engagement of their daughter, Judith Nan, to Mr. Steven Jacobs. Our congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. Weisbrod on their coming twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin M. Urban upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Yuder upon the birth of a granddaughter, Lisa Renee.

Are You Interested In A Dramatic or Choral Group?

Do you like to harmonize? Do you like to sing in a group? Would you like to stride across the stage in front of footlights? Would you like to act?

Col. Irvin Waldman, chairman of the Adult Education Committee, and Mr. Milton Sivek, chairman of the Planning Committee, hope to translate these ambitions into action by forming a Choral Group and a Dancing Group at Park Avenue Synagogue if enough interest is shown.

Here is a wonderful opportunity to meet other members of Park Avenue Synagogue in a pleasant association once each week for the next few months, to smooth out that cadenza, or to captivate your audience with a "To be or not to be".

Please indicate which group you or members of your family would like to join: detach and mail to: Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87 Street, New York City. Attention: Mrs. Bela Adler.

Please check group or groups in which you and members of your family are interested, sign name and address of each person interested, and mail to: Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87 Street, New York City.

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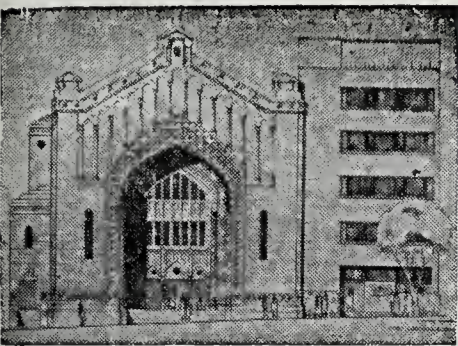
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Passover table of Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich (Photographed by *New York Times*)

Schedule of Religious Services

FIRST DAYS OF PASSOVER

Friday Evening, March 31	5:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, April 1	9:30 A.M.
Saturday Evening, April 1	5:45 P.M.

Congregational Seder to follow

Sunday Morning, April 2	9:30 A.M.
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CLOSING DAYS OF PASSOVER

Thursday Evening, April 6	5:45 P.M.
Friday Morning, April 7	9:30 A.M.
Friday Evening, April 7	5:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, April 8	9:30 A.M.

including the Yizkor Memorial Service

Friday Evening, April 14	8:30 P.M.
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Mr. and Mrs. Club Sabbath

Rabbi Nadich will speak on "Judaism Looks at the Jewish Woman"

Saturday Morning, April 15	9:30 A.M.
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Bat Mitzvah of Jacqueline E. Forster

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil M. Forster

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

Passover Holidays Begin Friday Eve., March 31

Services and Seder To Usher in Celebration

The festival of Passover will be ushered in with the evening service at the synagogue on Friday evening, March 31, at 5:45 p.m. That evening the first *Seder* for families in their homes will be celebrated, as is the traditional practice.

The theme of freedom which this festival celebrates is the issue paramount throughout the world today. Certainly it is to be hoped that old and young will gather around the festive *Seder* table to take note of the freedom we enjoy and to remind ourselves that it will continue to be ours and our children's only if we are zealous to protect it.

The educational value of the *Seder*, transmitted from one generation to the next, arises from the fact that all the members of the family join to reenact the dramatic presentation of freedom's story around the holiday table, to sing familiar songs and to carry out cherished rituals. Many of us treasure certain beloved memories because as children we attended the *Seder* in the home of parents or grandparents. Our own children and grandchildren are entitled to the same kind of memories.

The morning services will take place on the first days of Passover, Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m. For the intermediate days of Passover week, the evening services will take place each day in the Appleman Chapel at 5:45 p.m. During the closing days of Passover, the evening services will be at 5:45 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7, with the morning services at 9:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8. The *Yizkor* memorial service will be included in the morning service on the last day, Saturday, April 8.

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Passover — Its Significance and Observance

Passover, the festival designated as the "Season of our Freedom" occurs on the 15th of Nisan. This year it falls on April 1 and will be observed through April 8 with the first *Seder* taking place on March 31. It commemorates the emancipation of the Jewish people from Egyptian bondage and their exodus from Egypt.

For more than three thousand years, we have observed Passover with thanksgiving because it marks the end of a dark period of slavery. On the first Passover, in that wilderness on the hot sands of Sinai, freedom was born. The concept of individual liberties was enunciated by a people just one day removed from Egyptian slavery. Today that concept is man's most precious heritage.

Passover is also known as the "Feast of Unleavened Bread." The laws concerning the holiday are considered an axiomatic sign of Jewish loyalty. Every phase of the observance is fastidiously carried out — the ritual of cleaning the home, of destroying leaven, as well as the preparation of the *haroses*, *maror* and roasted shank bone—all symbols of the experiences of the children of Israel in Egypt. The house is fragrant with sweet nostalgic odors of the traditional holiday foods. The *Seder* table is beautifully set with shining candlesticks, the

Haggadah and wine goblets at each place, the *Seder* plate before the master of the house and the cup for the prophet Elijah in the place of honor.

In its systematic way, the Talmud set up an *Order of Service* for the *Seder*. The family and guests—there are always guests — go through the time-honored and fondly remembered ritual: the *Kidush*, the asking of the four questions, the recital of Israel's woes and of God's might, the *Hallel*, the delicious first *Pesah* meal and, finally, the merry songs enjoyed by young and old alike. Thus the *Seder* is the retelling of the exodus story in a dramatic pageant enacted by the family and its guests around a festive table.

Passover holds out the hope for Israel's redemption from exile and dispersal and for future deliverance. This two-fold characteristic of Passover, the Passover of years ago and the Passover of the future, is expressed in poetical insertions of the festival prayer and by the *Haggadah*, the basis for the *Seder* service.

Jewish people — wherever they may happen to be—make every effort to observe Passover, at the very least to the extent of participation in the *Seder*.

Cultural and Religious Activities Committee of the Men's Club.

—L. Chester Glaser, *chairman*

Torah Fund Luncheon Thursday, April 20

The annual Torah Fund luncheon will take place at the Olcott Hotel, 27 West 72 Street, on Thursday, April 20. Rabbi Nadich will be the speaker.

Torah Fund helps maintain many activities of the Jewish Theological Seminary including the "Eternal Light", radio and TV programs, the Jewish Museum and the Seminary Library. It also assists in expanding the recruiting campaign of the Seminary to prepare spiritual leaders, cantors and religious teachers to fill the many vacancies that exist today.

Mrs. Harry Neivert, chairman, and Mrs. Irving Friedman, co-chairman of Sisterhood's Torah Fund, will be happy to receive reservations for this luncheon. Your contribution will help Sisterhood take its proper place among the Sisterhoods throughout the country in furthering the cause of making Judaism a creative force in American life.

Rabbi To Give Course Saturday Afternoons

Rabbi Nadich will give a series of lectures on "*Pirke Avot*", "*The Ethics of the Fathers*", on Saturday afternoons at 5:15 p.m. Each session will last thirty minutes. The series will begin on Saturday, April 15, and will continue each Saturday through May 20.

Men and women are invited to attend this class in order to learn about this delightful gem of Jewish ethical literature.

When God decided to give the Torah to Israel, the Rabbis tell us, all the big mountains fought among themselves for the honor of being chosen as the spot for the revelation, each advancing its claims for the distinction. But God selected the smallest, Sinai, because it had humbled itself. Greatness can be built only on modesty. (*Midrash Aseret Hadibrot*)

Notice On Important Friday Eve Services

The congregation will want to make a note of the fact that the first two Friday evening services following Passover will be of special interest.

On Friday, April 14, at the service beginning at 8:30 p.m., under the sponsorship of the Mr. and Mrs. Club, Rabbi Nadich will speak on the status of Jewish women, with particular reference to the granting of *Aliyot* for women.

The following Friday evening, April 21, will mark Israel Independence Day, this year the thirteenth or Bar Mitzvah anniversary of Israel's freedom. A special service and Oneg Shabbat will take place, with the Honorable Yaakov Morris, Consul of Israel, as guest speaker.

Cantors Assembly Convention April 17-20

The fourteenth annual conference of the Cantors Assembly of America, organized by our own Hazzan Putterman, will be held at Grossinger's Hotel Monday through Thursday, April 17 to 20 inclusive. Each year more than 600 hazzanim, composers, music directors and lay leaders of Conservative synagogues throughout the United States and Canada attend these conventions to devote themselves to the study and advancement of synagogue music. Anyone desirous of attending this convention is requested to contact Hazzan Putterman.

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Sisterhood News: Open Meeting — April 18



Hebraica dancers, under the direction of Fred Berk, who will entertain during Sisterhood's open meeting.

On Tuesday evening, April 18, at 8:30 p.m. Sisterhood will once again be hostess to all Sisterhood and synagogue members, their husbands and their friends. Once a year an Open Meeting is held in the evening to acquaint synagogue members with the varied activities of Sisterhood.

As usual, an exceptionally interesting program has been planned for that evening. Hebraica, a dance program directed by Fred Berk, is designed to promote an understanding of the Jewish people and to provide a rewarding theatre experience through the dance. The Hebraica repertory includes: stories from the Bible, scenes of Hassidic life, and dances of Israel and the Orient. It is staged as a complete theatrical production with scenery, costumes, music and narration.

Fred Berk, the director of the Hebraica dance program, is the founder and director of the Dance Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary and of the Jewish Dance Division at the 92nd Street YM-YWHA. Since 1952, he has organized the Annual Israeli Folk Dance Festival for the Zionist youth of New York. He has choreographed for various professional dance companies, conducted training courses for teachers and has written books, articles and pamphlets on the Jewish dance.

This promises to be a most entertaining evening. Be sure to reserve the date; Tuesday, April 18, at 8:30 p.m.

Bazaar — May 2 and 3

The time is drawing close to the Big Bazaar — May 2 and 3. Remember that the success of the Bazaar — which is for the benefit of the Special Project of the United Jewish Appeal — depends upon your generous contributions of merchandise. Please send your packages (new goods only) to the Sisterhood Bazaar Committee, Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87 Street, New York City.

The Bazaar will open on Tuesday evening, May 2, at five o'clock with a cocktail party and dinner under the capable supervision of Mrs. Harold Osserman. As a salute to Israel on its 13th birthday, the Sisterhood Lounge will be decorated in appropriate "Bar Mitzvah" fashion by Mrs. Adolf Stangel, chairman of decorations.

Following the dinner, there will be games with wonderful prizes, and the sale of varied merchandise attractively displayed in booths. Lunch will be served at noon on Wednesday, during which day the sale of merchandise will continue until five o'clock.

As a grand finale, a valuable, exquisite, portable Emerson television set with a 17" screen will be awarded.

For further information, please contact the chairman of the Bazaar, Mrs. Scymour Wimpfheimer at AT 9-4743.

— Ethel Altschul

Cohen Library News

Books Sent To Israel

Because of the steady growth of the Cohen Library, it has become necessary to weed out duplicates from our shelves. It was, therefore, a most welcome coincidence to learn that a member of our synagogue and his family are closely connected with an institution in Israel that can use these books. Dr. Samuel W. Boorstein, brother of Mr. Jacob W. Boorstein, the editor of the Men's Club journal, *Memo*, has established in Nahariya a "Public Library in Memory of William and Chia Boorstein," which, in the course of the last ten years, has become the central library for all the region. It serves about 80 schools in that region, the residents of Nahariya, and all the settlements in the vicinity. It also offers visitors to that summer resort town a place where they can comfortably spend pleasant hours of reading and leisure.

We hope that the volumes we have sent as a token of our good will and friendship — although not new — will be accepted in the same spirit.

If our congregants should desire to donate worthwhile spare books in good condition for a fine purpose, they may send them to the Boorstein Library at Nahariya, Israel, where, I am sure, they will be very much appreciated.

This year the National Book Committee in cooperation with the American Library Association, will, for the fourth time, sponsor National Library Week, April 16 - 22. This significant event will be observed in 5000 communities throughout the country for the purpose of stimulating public interest in good books and of inducing as many people as possible to avail themselves of library services.

The Cohen Library, too, is cooperating fully in this effort by offering its readers a great variety of recent publications in the Jewish field. The librarian hopes that the increased use of our facilities will make Library Week a success.

— Hilde Kisch, Librarian

YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

will be held on the last day
of Passover

Saturday morning, April 8

Those wishing to memorialize any family member are asked to return the enclosed card to reach the synagogue office no later than Monday, April 3.

Congregational Seder - Saturday Evening - April 1

Again this year Park Avenue Synagogue is sponsoring a *Seder* on the second night, Saturday, April 1, in the Lemberg Auditorium. Mrs. Albert A. List, chairman of the *Seder*, and her committee are making plans to make the *Seder* a memorable occasion.

The *Seder* will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and by Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with George Crook at the piano. The service will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. and will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by the *Seder* ceremony and traditional dinner, for which reservations are already closed.

The *Seder* expresses the tribulations and trials of our fathers as well as their hopes and prayers for freedom from bondage. The narration of the *Haggadah*, a ritual recitation of the liberation of the Jews from Egyptian slavery, the asking of the four questions, the singing of the rich, melodious music from the chanting of the *Kiddush* to the closing *Had Gadya*—all will combine to make your celebration of the *Seder* with your family and friends a joyous occasion that you will long remember.

—RMR

Mr. and Mrs. Club To Hold Art Exhibit - April 21-23

The first art exhibit at Park Avenue Synagogue two years ago has apparently set the pace for a series of art exhibits which have been held since that time in various synagogues in the city as well as in Westchester and Nassau counties. The Mr. and Mrs. Club is proud of this achievement and hopes to surpass its former efforts this year at the art exhibit to be held in the Lemberg Auditorium on April 21, 22, and 23.

There will be paintings, etchings, lithographs, sculpture, enamels and a new art form in the medium of fused colored glass. As is our custom, the works of our own congregation, including Sunday painters and the youth group, will be given preference. The exhibit space is limited and will be allotted on a first come, first served basis. Many of the items will be for sale at realistic prices. Others will be merely exhibited without any sale intended. We will also show some works by important artists borrowed from the collection of our members with due credit given to such collectors. Hadassah has kindly offered to display many art works.

The works of art may be submitted to the Entrant Committee for approval in Room 101 on the following days: Wednesday, April 19, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. — Thursday, April 20, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. A limited amount of insurance will cover the art works during the time that they are on display at the synagogue as agreed by the owner of the work and the Entrant Committee. The exhibit will remain on display on Saturday, April 22 and on Sunday, April 23. The Mr. and Mrs. Club will sponsor a party from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Chairman is Andrew Fier. *Executive committee*: Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, Herbert M. Felner, Andrew Fier, Julius J. Leichtling and A. Stanley Robinson.

Reception Committee: Chairman, Mrs. Robert Altman; Mrs. Mattis Fern, Mrs. Andrew Fier, Mrs. Louis Lehr, Mrs. Julius J. Leichtling, Mrs. A. Stanley Robinson, Mrs. Albert Siegel and Mrs. Harold Tompkins.

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Entrant Committee: Chairman, Julius J. Leichtling; Andrew Fier, Mrs. A. Stanley Robinson, Mrs. Mattis Fern, and Mrs. Harold Tompkins.

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Refreshment Committee: Chairman, Mrs. Morris D. Stolz; Mrs. Robert Altman, Mrs. Leon Klein and Mrs. Adolf Stangel.

The opening of the exhibit on Friday, April 21, will follow the services which will commemorate the anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel. An Oneg Shabbat will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium immediately after the service. The members of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend this exciting exhibit.

Central High School For Jewish Studies

The mid-Manhattan Conservative congregations, recognizing the need for Jewish education on the secondary school level, have pooled their resources and have organized a Central High School for Jewish Studies which will open its doors in September, 1961. Graduates from the religious schools of Park Avenue Synagogue, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and the Society for the Advancement of Judaism will be eligible for admission to the school. Courses will be available also to boys and girls, 13 to 16 years of age, who have had no previous Jewish education.

The official name of the school will be the Milton Steinberg Central High School of Jewish Studies. It will use the facilities of S. A. J. The Board of Education of the new high school consists of representatives from each of the congregations. Park Avenue Synagogue will be represented by Rabbi Judah Nadich, Mr. Martin Leichtling, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer acting for the Religious School Board, and Mrs. Herman Helpern acting for the Board of Trustees.

There is widespread realization that Jewish education must continue beyond the elementary school level. A sound program of Jewish religious education cannot terminate with the Bar Mitzvah ceremony or with graduation from the elementary department. It is during the high school years particularly, when the student begins to mature intellectually, that the Bible, Jewish religion and Jewish history can be taught on the level of ideas and values. At this age, too, young men and women begin to seek guiding principles for personal identification and commitment. For a mature understanding of Judaism and a lasting devotion to the Jewish way of life, a formal program of Jewish education during high school years is indispensable.

The new Central High School hopes to strengthen and develop Jewish knowledge of the young adolescent during those years when he is developing intellectually and emotionally.

Registration will begin after Passover, and further information may be secured from our principal, Mr. Martin Leichtling.

Parents Association Open Meeting - April 19



Dr. Louis Linn

Psychiatrist, author and lecturer.

The Parents Association is very pleased to announce that Dr. Louis Linn, noted psychiatrist, lecturer, and author will be its guest speaker at the open meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 19, at 8:30 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. The title of Dr. Linn's address will be "Psychiatry and the Wisdom of Judaism."

Dr. Linn is a practicing psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, and Associate Attending Psychiatrist at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City. He is a member of the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University. Among his writings are over fifty professional papers and a standard text, "A Handbook of Hospital Psychiatry" as well as a book which he wrote with Leo W. Schwartz on the interrelations of psychiatry and religion, called "Psychiatry and Religious Experience."

Dr. Linn is married and has two children, both of whom attended the Park Avenue Synagogue Hebrew School. His son is currently preparing for his Bar Mitzvah.

Following the meeting, a social hour will take place during which refreshments will be served.

Parents Association Service

The Parents Association Friday evening service which was held on March 10, was truly inspiring for the many who attended. The audience enjoyed the talk by Mr. Charles Angoff and was stimulated by the question and answer period which followed during the Oneg Shabbat.

— Abby Kirsch

An Interfaith Appeal For Blood Donors

At the request of the Reverend John Ellis Large, D.D., rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, Fifth Avenue and 90 Street, Rabbi Nadich has joined in an appeal signed also by Monsignor Rigney of the Church of St. Thomas More and the Reverend Dr. Paul Wolfe of the Brick Presbyterian Church for contributions of blood for a hemophilia victim. Tommy McQuade, 32 years old, is desperately in need of blood plasma in his lifelong fight against this dread disease. Dr. Large has organized this interfaith neighborhood project to help him.

On Wednesday, April 12, from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. the Red Cross, in cooperation with the Hemophilia Foundation, is bringing its Mobile Blood Unit to the church parish house at 2 East 90 Street. A minimum of 200 donors is needed, each to sign up to give a pint of blood.

Rabbi Nadich joins with his Protestant and Catholic colleagues in appealing for blood donors. We hope that members of our congregation, Sisterhood and Men's Club will offer to give blood themselves and will secure pledges for blood from others. It is urgent that information about the pledges available be known in advance. Those who would volunteer to give blood or to submit pledges by others may notify Rabbi Nadich's secretary.

Business Men's Torah Luncheons

The Cultural and Religious Activities Committee of the Men's Club of Park Avenue Synagogue, wholeheartedly supporting the Business Men's Torah Luncheons sponsored by the New York Metropolitan Region of the National Federation of Men's Clubs, is pleased to report that the series has proved to be very successful. The sessions are held at the Wilkie Memorial Building, 20 West 40th Street, New York City.

All of the sessions were unusually well conducted, with a fine representation from our Men's Club. The remaining Torah Luncheons will take place on April 11, May 2, May 9, 1961, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Our own beloved Rabbi Judah Nadich will lead these sessions.

The experience of learning the Torah during a luncheon session is stimulating and exhilarating, and I urge our synagogue members to attend the remaining series. —L. Chester Glaser

Religious School News

Calendar of Events

Friday, March 31 — First Seder
Beginning of *Passover* School Recess
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Saturday, April 1 — 10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation Services
Appleman Chapel
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Sunday April 2 — 10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation Services
Appleman Chapel
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Friday, April 7 — 10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation Services
Appleman Chapel
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Saturday, April 8 — 10:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation Services
Appleman Chapel
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Monday, April 10
Religious School re-opens

Junior Congregation Services

A major feature of our instruction in the Religious School is participation in services. Parents who have visited our Junior Congregation on Saturday mornings have been impressed with the dignified and meaningful Sabbath Service that is conducted by the students.

Every holiday, our Junior Congregation holds special services in the Appleman Chapel. These services are held for one hour and are geared by the teacher-in-charge to the needs of the students.

Attendance at holiday services is voluntary; students are invited to attend. May we call upon all parents to encourage their children to come to services on *Passover*—the parents to the main synagogue; the children to the Junior Congregation. — Martin Leichtling

Hebrew Speaking Circle Meets April 13

The Hebrew-speaking circle sponsored by the Adult Education Committee continues its monthly meetings, to the benefit and enjoyment of its participants. The Circle meets in the homes of its various members. The Hebrew conversation is based largely on the reading of a special newspaper in Hebrew.

The next meeting of the Hebrew-speaking Circle will be on Thursday evening, April 13, at the home of Mr. Arthur Bienenstock. Those interested in participating in the group may call Mr. Bienenstock at his office, DI 4-7177.

We Are Proud Of Our Members . . .

Mr. Morris Ginsberg, who has been appointed chairman of the Shipping and Brokers Division for the 1961 UJA campaign.

Judge Simon H. Rifkind, who, on March 5, was appointed by President Kennedy to head a commission to study the railway industry's work rules and practices. In making this appointment, President Kennedy said that he felt "great pleasure that a man of Judge Rifkind's great competence and integrity would accept the chairmanship."

Mr. Herman S. Seigenfeld, who has been appointed co-chairman of the Better Dress Division for the 1961 UJA campaign.

Youth Of Trinity Church Visit Our Synagogue

A group of boys and girls from the Church of the Holy Trinity on East 88 Street visited Park Avenue Synagogue on Thursday afternoon, March 16, accompanied by the Reverend Mr. Arthur Widlak. They spent an hour with Rabbi Nadich who spoke to them about worship and Judaism, and showed them the synagogue and the Appleman Chapel.

The minister and children asked many questions, and an interesting discussion took place. The church has expressed its appreciation to our synagogue and to the Rabbi.

Reserve Friday Evening May 5, 1961

17th Annual Service
Of New Liturgical Music
By Contemporary Composers
**World Premiere Performance
Of "L' David Mizmor"**
A New Service
By the Gifted Composer
David Amram

Ceremonial and Gift Shop Fashions for a Lifetime

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Chairman of Gift Shop
(AT. 9-5500)**

Mr. and Mrs. A. List Aid Seminary, Lincoln Center And New School

Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List, members of Park Avenue Synagogue, have recently given \$2,600,000 to the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the New School for Social Research and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The gifts were announced at a luncheon given by Mr. and Mrs. List for John D. Rockefeller 3d, chairman of the board of Lincoln Center; Dr. Henry David, incoming president of the New School, and Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Seminary.

Of the \$1,000,000 given to Lincoln Center, \$600,000 will go to the center's special fund for the visual arts. The \$400,000 remaining will be used for a hall and a music library in the new Metropolitan Opera House planned at the center.

Of the \$600,000 for the seminary, \$500,000 will go to the museum at Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street for a new three-story building. The Seminary will use the remainder for scholarships and study groups.

Park Avenue Synagogue takes pride in Mr. and Mrs. List for their generous benefactions from which both the general and Jewish communities will benefit greatly.

Bazaar Opening—May 2 To Note Bar Mitzvah Of The State Of Israel

This year Sisterhood will hold its Bazaar on Tuesday, May 2, and on Wednesday, May 3, in celebration of the thirteen years since the foundation of the State of Israel. In honor of this important *Bar Mitzvah*, a special *kiddush* will take place during the cocktail hour from 5:00 — 6:00 p.m. during the opening of the Bazaar. This will be followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The Sisterhood Lounge will be gaily decorated by our gifted chairman of decorations, Mrs. Adolf Stangel, who will carry out the theme of Israel's *Bar Mitzvah* with original decorations.

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer is chairman of the of the Bazaar; Mrs. Philip L. Shapiro, chairman of the cocktail party; and Mrs. Harold Osserman, chairman of the dinner and luncheon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Passover

Friday, March 31
Evening Service — 5:45 p.m.
First Seder at home

Saturday, April 1

Morning Service—9:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 1

Evening Service — 5:45 p.m.
Congregational Seder — 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 7

Seventh Day of Passover
Service — 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 8

Eighth Day of Passover
Service — 9:30 a.m.
Yizkor Memorial Service

Friday evening, April 14, 8:30 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Club Service

Friday evening, April 21

Saturday, April 22

Sunday afternoon, April 23
Mr. and Mrs. Club Art Exhibit

Tuesday, May 2 — 5:00 p.m.

Sisterhood Bazaar

Cocktails and Supper

Wednesday, May 3, 11 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Luncheon and Bazaar

Friday, May 5, Service — 8:30 p.m.
17th Annual Liturgical Music Service

Sunday, May 7 — 8:30 p.m.
Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 21 (first day) 9:30 a.m.
Shavuot Service — Confirmation

Monday, May 22 (second day)
9:30 a.m.

Shavuot Service
Yizkor Memorial Service

We are now celebrating the centennial year of a great lady in Jewish history—Henrietta Szold. Perhaps her way of life can best be summed up in these lines:

"I shall pass through this world but once.

Any good thing, therefore that I can do,

Any kindness I can show to any human being,

Let me do it now.

Let me not defer it nor neglect it,

For I shall not pass this way again."

UJA Luncheon Seminar Held At Our Synagogue



Among the participants at the UJA luncheon seminar held at Park Avenue Synagogue were the following: First row center: Mrs. Benjamin Sack, associate chairman of the Women's Division of UJA. Last row center: Mrs. Abraham N. Geller, a former chairman of the UJA Women's Division. Others in the photo: Left: Mrs. Arthur Chodosh, Bronx Executive Board chairman; Right: Mrs. Irwin D. Davidson, program chairman

Park Avenue Synagogue welcomed 150 United Jewish Appeal Women's Division volunteers to the Milton Steinberg House on March 9 for an all day worker's seminar in preparation for the UJA Lifeline Luncheon held on March 27 at the Hotel Plaza. At this luncheon, UJA paid tribute to Miss Sophie Tucker, the beloved entertainer, whose generosity and devotion have strengthened the UJA lifeline of aid for thousands of needy Jews. Mrs. Abraham N. Geller, a former chairman of the UJA Women's Division, presided at the seminar.

Volunteers from Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn attended to learn techniques and to hear about the needs which UJA must meet in 1961. During the morning session, they heard a discussion of UJA's "New Frontier" by a panel of UJA experts — Mrs. Harold J. Cohen and Mrs. Francis J. Bloustein, chairman of the Women's Division, and Mrs. Burt J. Siris, chairman of the Campaign Cabinet.

The techniques were presented during the afternoon session in the form of a skit entitled "To Give . . . That is the Answer." Members of the cast were Mrs. Jakob Michael, chairman of expansion;

Men's Club News

Although arrangements have not been fully completed, it can be said for certain that the Men's Club Ladies Night to be held on Saturday, April 29, will be a "giant step forward" this year. These annual functions, which through the years have always been received with enthusiastic acclaim, will feature an innovation that should make the affair even more memorable than those of previous years. Full details will be given in the next issue of the Bulletin. But just a word to Men's Club members and their ladies — set aside the night of April 29 for an evening that you will long remember.

The March meeting of the Men's Club at which Mr. William B. Harris spoke on "Misconceptions and Fallacies Involved in Radiation Protection" was enthusiastically received. The number of questions asked of the speaker emphasized the concern of the audience and their desire to learn about this matter.

Through the cooperation of Mrs. Hilde Kisch, our librarian, and the former editors of the "Memo", Louis Heller, Harvey Glasser and Albert Siegel, the "Memo" will henceforth be kept on file in the Cohen Library.

Gift to Parish House

To celebrate its Bar Mitzvah year, its coming of age, the Men's Club decided, by a vote of the Board of Directors on February 14, to present to the Parish House Fund of Park Avenue Synagogue the sum of \$1,300, one hundred dollars for each year of its existence as an arm of the synagogue. We are happy to announce that at its last meeting, the Men's Club voted to increase its gift by \$2,000, making a total of \$3,300 as its gift.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

Mrs. Meyer W. Nathans, Manhattan Organizations chairman, and Mrs. Ephraim Scharfman, Brooklyn co-chairman. Mrs. Irwin D. Davidson, Women's Division program chairman, acted as narrator.

Following the skit, there was a discussion of the UJA Mental Health Project Campaign. Featured in this part of the program were Women's Division leaders: Mrs. Alexander Dolowitz, co-chairman; Mrs. Benjamin Sack, associate chairman; and Mrs. Arthur Chodosh, Bronx Executive Board chairman.

Dr. Giat's Hebrew Course To Be Continued

The Adult Education Committee, with Col. Irvin Waldman as chairman announced some time ago the start of an Ulpaniyah, an intensive course in beginners' Hebrew. The announcement was made with some trepidation, because Hebrew language courses are not always successful, particularly when the instruction is to be on an intensive level with a minimum of two hours per session.

Happily, a successful report may now be made. The peak number of students attending the course was over thirty, and a high percentage of attendance was sustained throughout the ten announced sessions. No small part of the credit is due to the excellent instruction by Dr. Aaron Giat, a member of our own congregation. Most of the students in the course are men and women who are members of our congregation or parents of children in our school, or both.

The enthusiasm on the part of the students has been so high that a request was made of the Adult Education Committee that the course be continued, a request which has been acceded to by the committee and approved by the congregational authorities. The men and women in the course will therefore continue to meet with Dr. Giat for a second series of ten sessions.

Those who know some Hebrew and who would like to join the group every Monday evening at this point in its development are invited to get in touch with Dr. Giat on Monday evenings at 6:45, fifteen minutes before class.

Passover Holidays

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The *Haggadah* that we read at the *Seder* retells the story of the liberation of our ancestors from Egyptian slavery and of the beginnings of their story as a free people in their own land. The Passover festival, therefore, is a reminder of the close ties between the land of Israel and Jews everywhere. It should serve to stimulate us to contribute generously to the United Jewish Appeal and to buy Israel Bonds in order that we may play a part in the growth of a free and independent Jewish people in its own land, and to help Jews who this year do not enjoy freedom to reach the state of Israel during the months ahead so that next year they, too, will be able to say: "Last year we were slaves, this year free men!"

Welfare Fund Receives Gifts

In response to the request made in the last issue of the Bulletin for contributions to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund, particularly to help those in need during Passover, a number of individuals have sent their checks to the Welfare Fund. Among them are: Mr. Lawrence Banks, Mr. Alfred M. Erlich, Mr. Ira Gittleman, Mr. Irving Goodstein, Mr. Solomon E. Green, Mr. Bernard Grossman, Mr. Charles Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Krinsky, Dr. Louis Leiter, Mr. Aaron Schoenbaum, Mr. Sidney L. Solomon and Mr. Fred Warshofsky.

The Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund answers requests from worthy agencies, institutions and individuals in need, and requests from authors of scholarly works for assistance in the publication of their literary research.

For Passover, we have received a request from the New York Board of Rabbis to help its chaplains furnish Passover food to some 17,000 Jewish residents in hospitals and homes for the mentally ill. A further request has come from the Joint Passover Association to offer Passover assistance to Jewish families in need in metropolitan New York.

Readers of the Bulletin who would like to aid in this worthy cause are invited to send their checks, made out to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund, to the Synagogue office.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, March 31	5:59 p.m.
Friday, April 7	6:07 p.m.
Friday, April 14	6:13 p.m.

Are You Interested In A Dramatic or Choral Group?

Col. Irvin Waldman, chairman of the Adult Education Committee, and Mr. Milton Sivek, chairman of the Planning Committee, have received several requests in regard to forming a Dramatic Group or a Choral Group at Park Avenue Synagogue.

Here is a wonderful opportunity to meet other members of Park Avenue Synagogue in a pleasant association once each week for the next few months, to smooth out that cadenza, or to captivate your audience with a "To be or not to be".

Please indicate which group you or members of your family would like to join; detach and mail to: Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87 Street, New York City. Attention: Mrs. Bela Adler.

Dramatic Group:

Name
Address
Name
Address

Choral Group:

Name
Address
Name
Address

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Falkenstein upon the birth of a granddaughter, Ellen Laurie.

Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Giat upon the engagement of their daughter, Leona Ruth to Mr. Donald Schneider.

Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Hahn upon the birth of a grandson, Daniel Adam. Rabbi and Mrs. Sanford Hahn of Mt. Kisco are the parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hochstein upon the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to Dr. Mortimer Civan.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Rosh upon their fortieth anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tannenbaum upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Wyler upon the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Judith, to Dr. Eli Messinger.

Condolences

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Dubin upon the death of their grandson, Michael.

Hon. Nathaniel L. Goldstein upon the death of his mother, Mrs. Molly Goldstein.

Mr. Joseph A. Leibson upon the death of his wife, Belle D. Leibson.

Mrs. Irving Sarnoff upon the death of her husband, and Mrs. David I. Oreck and Mr. Irving Sarnoff upon the death of their father, Irving Sarnoff.

Daily Chapel Services

It is, in a way, quite an amazing thought that every day with the unfailing regularity of nature's own cycles, the daily Chapel services go on.

During the course of the year many people become acquainted with the daily service because of personal tragedy. A death occurs and members of a family turn to the Chapel.

We have noticed a rare kind of camaraderie at the Chapel services. A truly unusual closeness develops among the men who come each day. Men who have never conducted a service have developed a new skill in prayer. Each of these men, once successfully over the hurdle of leading that first service, can be counted on to conduct a service at any time. And with each service, the skill of their rendition of the prayers increases. The experience has been a source of gratification and inspiration.

Perhaps it was summed up best by one member of the congregation who lost his mother more than a year ago. He began to attend the daily service with unfailing regularity. He, like others, became part of the extraordinary fellowship of the daily worshippers. At the end of his year of mourning, he said with an eloquence that would be difficult to match: "My greatest loss was followed by a great gain. I didn't know until my mother's death what the synagogue could mean to me." — *Exchange*

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5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

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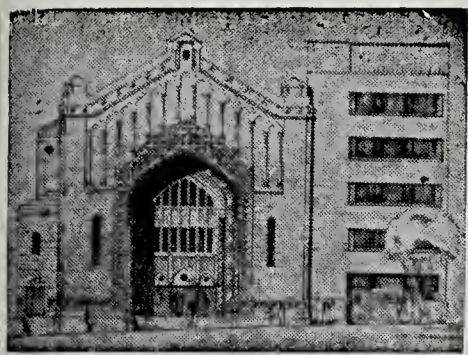
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Premiere Performance Of "Shir L'erev Shabbat" At 17th Annual Service Of New Liturgical Music By David Amram Friday Evening, May 5

David Amram, composer

Maurice Peress, conductor



The Seventeenth Annual Service of New Liturgical Music by Contemporary Composers will feature the world premiere performance of *Shir L'erev Shabbat* by David Amram at Park Avenue Synagogue, Friday evening, May 5, 1961, at 8:30 p.m. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct the service assisted by the augmented synagogue choir with George Crook at the organ.

Mr. David Amram, the composer, began his study of the piano at the age of seven and shortly thereafter the trumpet and the French horn. He wrote his first choral work when he was fourteen. After studying at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Mr. Amram continued his studies at George Washington University.

During his service in Germany, he played with the Seventh Army Symphony. The fall of 1955 found him in New York studying composition at the Manhattan School of Music with Vittori Gianninni.

Since the summer of 1957, Mr. Amram has written music for thirty-two dramatic plays, including the Pulitzer Prize winning *J. B.*, *Caligula*, a new score for *Peer Gynt*, as well as for all of Joseph Papp's New York Shakespeare Festival productions. He has been asked to compose the scores for *As You Like It* and *Macbeth* for the American Shakespeare Festival this summer.

Mr. Amram's highly praised *Piano Sonata* will be played in many countries on a Far Eastern tour for the United States Information Service. His *Violin Sonata*, *Concerto for Small Orchestra* and chamber works played at his Town Hall Concert last May, have been recorded, and Rudolph Serkin has invited him to attend the Marlboro Music Festival this summer as a guest composer. He is currently working on a string quartet and a brass quintet for his concert to be held next February at Town Hall.

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, April 218:30 P.M.

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Honorable Yaakov Morris, Consul of Israel
will speak on

"NEGEV — DESERT OF DESTINY"

Saturday Morning, April 229:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of James L. Goldman
son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Goldman

Bar Mitzvah of Alan Henry Siskin
son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Siskin

Friday Evening, April 288:30 P.M.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak on
"A TIME FOR REFLECTION"

Twenty-five Years in the Rabbinate

Bat Mitzvah of Leah Nessa Nadich
daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich

Saturday Morning, April 299:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Douglas Maxwell
son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Maxwell

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

79th Annual Congregational Meeting Of Synagogue Will Take Place Sunday Evening, May 7, At 8:00 P.M.

The seventy-ninth annual congregational meeting of Park Avenue Synagogue will take place Sunday evening, May 7, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. Official notice of this meeting, as well as the proposed slate of officers and members of the Board of Trustees, has already been mailed to congregants. Mr. Benjamin Sack, chairman of the Nominating Committee, will present the slate in behalf of the Board.

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, will give a detailed report covering the activities of the congregation during the year. You

will also hear a message of greeting from our president, Mr. Jacob Klein. Following the election, the officers and members of the Board will be inducted into office by Rabbi Judah Nadich.

This meeting is an opportunity for congregants to hear about the many facets of synagogue life. For new members, the meeting should be a "must" because they can learn first hand about the programs and accomplishments of the various arms of the synagogue.

Following the meeting, a collation will be served. Needless to say, membership in our congregation applies equally to husband and wife in all families.

Bar Mitzvah Anniversary Of State Of Israel Will Be Celebrated At Service Friday, April 21



Yaakov Morris
Consul of Israel in New York

Park Avenue Synagogue will join congregations throughout the country in celebrating the thirteenth anniversary of the State of Israel on Friday evening, April 21, with a special service and Oneg Shabbat. The Honorable Yaakov Morris, Consul of Israel in New York, will speak at the service on the subject: "Negev—Desert of Destiny".

Mr. Morris, born and raised in Ireland, is recognized as a splendid public speaker. He has lived in Israel since 1947. He was an active member of the Haganah underground forces during the

British Mandatory time, and served with the Israel Defense Army during the Israel War of Independence. In 1949, he was appointed head of the section for English-speaking countries of the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the Jewish Agency, a position he held for five years. During this time, he also was correspondent for British and American newspapers and journals. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1955, serving with the Information Department. He is the author of "Pioneers from the West: A History of Anglo-Saxon Settlers in Israel" and "A Reporter in Israel".

Following the service, an Oneg Shabbat tea will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium with a special program devoted to the celebration of Israel's Bar Mitzvah year of independence.

Friday, April 21, in the Hebrew calendar is the fifth day of Iyar, and it was exactly on this Hebrew date thirteen years ago that Israel's independence was proclaimed. It is fitting that we gather in the synagogue on the evening of April 21 for a service of thanksgiving and rejoicing in celebration of the great miracle that occurred to the Jewish people in our times.

DAILY MINYAN
Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
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Rabbi Nadich To Speak On 25 Years In Rabbinate

At the Friday evening service on April 28, Rabbi Nadich will deliver the last sermon of the Friday evening service season. Although the last late Friday evening service will take place on May 5, it will be devoted in its entirety to the premiere of the new liturgical music commissioned for the occasion.

In the last sermon of the Friday evening season, on April 28, Rabbi Nadich will offer some comments on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary in the rabbinate. He was ordained as rabbi by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America on June 7, 1936, and had already delivered his first sermons to his new congregation, Temple Beth David in Buffalo, during Passover of that spring, April 7 through April 14, 1936.

His sermon marking his twenty-fifth anniversary will be in the nature of retrospect and prospect, comparing American Judaism as he found it when he entered the rabbinate and its state today, with some prophecy as to the future.

At the same Friday evening service, Leah Nessa Nadich, the oldest daughter of Rabbi and Mrs. Nadich, will become Bat Mitzvah.

Jewish Ethics — Topic For Saturday Course

Rabbi Nadich is currently giving a course on Saturday afternoons at 5:15 in the Appleman Chapel, on the "Ethics of the Fathers". Each session lasts one-half hour and precedes the 5:45 chapel service. Men and women are invited to attend this class even though they may not have attended previous sessions, since each session is a unit by itself. The series will continue through Saturday, May 20. The text studied is a fascinating book of Jewish ethical literature.

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Premiere Performance Of "Shir L'erev Shabbat"

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In writing of Mr. Amram's concert at Town Hall in June, 1960, the Herald Tribune described Mr. Amram's work as: "Everywhere musical, dedicated and passionately honest."

For this service, *Shir L'erev Shabbat*, Mr. Amram has taken his dedication from Psalm 133, verse 1: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity!"

Maurice Peress

Maurice Peress, who will conduct the performance of *Shir L'erev Shabbat*, was born in New York City on March 18, 1930. He is a graduate of New York University and the Mannes College of Music where he received a scholarship to study with Carl Bamberger.

Mr. Peress began his career as an assistant conductor of the Mannes College of Music Orchestra. In 1958, he was the conductor of the New York University Washington Square Orchestra and Chorus. He has also conducted numerous concerts, including the N.Y.U. Loeb Summer Concert Series, the Joyce Trissler and John Wilson Dance Company, and two broadcast concerts on T.V. During the summer of 1958, he was the conductor of the Antioch Shakespeare Festival in Ohio; the Beverly Music Tent in Massachusetts and the New York Shakespeare Festival. In the legitimate theatre, Mr. Peress has conducted the orchestra of *The Rivalry* and of *Lysistrata*.

Recently Mr. Leonard Bernstein appointed Mr. Peress assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

Hazzan Putterman has been instrumental over the years in making these fine musical services possible. Through his efforts, many composers have been encouraged to compose liturgical music which has greatly enriched our services and the repertoire of synagogue music.

After the service, a reception will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium in honor of the composer, the conductor and other invited guests. An Oneg Shabbat will follow to which everyone is invited.

Complimentary tickets have already been mailed to congregants, but if additional seats are required, please communicate with the synagogue office (EN 9-2600).

—RMR

Sisterhood Bazaar May 2 and 3

May 2—a day long awaited—the day that Sisterhood opens its annual Bazaar for the benefit of the special project of the United Jewish Appeal. This year the Women's Division has agreed to provide a remedy for Israel's major, unsolved problem—mental illness. Of course, the success of the Bazaar depends upon merchandise. We are happy to say that packages are arriving daily, but the more new goods we receive, the more bargains we can offer for sale, and the greater will be our assistance to this worthy cause.

The Bazaar will open on May 2 at 5:00 o'clock with a cocktail party followed by a dinner in the Lemberg Auditorium which will be gaily decorated by our chairman of decorations, Mrs. Adolf Stangel. To note the Bar Mitzvah of the State of Israel, the decorations will be in keeping with the theme. Booths will be open from 5:00 p.m. throughout the evening for the sale of merchandise. At 9:00 o'clock, a lively auction will be conducted and many beautiful items will become the treasures of the highest bidder.

On Wednesday morning, the Bazaar will open at 11:00 a.m. Luncheon will be served at noon and, if we are to judge by previous years, it will be an affair which you will not want to miss. Mrs. Harold Osserman, chairman of the luncheon and dinner committee, will be grateful to anyone who wishes to offer her services as a waitress for the luncheon or the dinner. Please contact her at EN 9-9428.

A highlight of the Bazaar on Wednesday afternoon from 3:00—4:00 o'clock will be a children's and mothers' hour during which one of the features will be a grab bag. Refreshments will be served, and a fine selection of toys and books of interest to children will be on sale.

As a grand finale, an exquisite, portable Emerson TV set will be awarded.

The committee, all of whom have worked so diligently to make this year's Bazaar even more successful than those of previous years, are as follows: Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, chairman; Mrs. Mack H. Fieber, co-chairman; Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer and Mrs. Benjamin Sack, chairmen of merchandise; Mrs. Adolf Stangel, chairman of decorations; Mrs. Jacob J. Boneparth, chairman of raffles.

—RMR

Men's Club News

Everything is now set for the Men's Club Ladies Night which is to be held on Saturday evening, April 29, in the Lemberg Auditorium. The theme of this year's gala event is Night Club—Dinner, Dance and Show—at the "Room Below." From a glimpse at the preparations being made, we are certain that the evening will be the best in a long line of extremely successful (some say fabulous) functions which the Men's Club presents annually for members and their ladies.

The innovation made this year is that a catered dinner prepared by one of the synagogue's accredited caterers will be served—and served at tables. Entertainment will be headed by Allen and Sheldon. The music for dancing, always an enthusiastically received feature of the program, will be provided by Mac Barber and his orchestra.

Because of the nature of this affair—a catered dinner with pre-registered choice of entree, etc.—admission will be by reservation only. Reply cards have been mailed to all members for this purpose, and it is hoped that they will be returned promptly.

—Jacob W. Boorstein

Parents Association Girls Clothing Needed

The Executive Board of the Parents Association has undertaken a project of helping the Bayit Lepletot Orphan and Refugee Girls' Home in Jerusalem, Israel. The girls in the Home range in age from the toddler stage to eighteen years. They are in desperate need of clothing, shoes and toys. These items are now being collected by the members of the Executive Board.

Open Meeting — April 19

At the open meeting, April 19, at 8:30 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium Dr. Louis Linn, noted psychiatrist, lecturer and author, will speak on "Psychiatry and the Wisdom of Judaism". Following the meeting, a social hour will take place during which refreshments will be served.

Under the capable guidance of Mrs. Jacob L. Oberman, chairman of Class Mothers, and the class mothers, our children enjoyed a beautifully conducted *Seder*. Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman explained the significance of the traditional Passover foods. Both the children and the mothers derived valuable information which helped make their celebration in the home more meaningful.

—Abby Kirsch

CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday April 21 6:21 p.m.
Friday April 28 6:28 p.m.

Israel Celebrates 13th Anniversary

This week Israel celebrates a very important birthday—its 13th since it became an independent nation in 1948 after nearly 2,000 years of exile.

It is a particularly significant anniversary not only for Israel itself but also for the Jewish people the world over, because the 13th birthday marks the end of childhood and the beginning of responsible adulthood. In traditional Judaism, to become Bar Mitzvah is a solemn act of affirmation of the Covenant between man and his Maker.

Within a year of its independence, Israel became a member of the United Nations and has ever since faithfully accepted its obligations to the world community. At first, weak and struggling for survival against hostile neighbors, Israel was not self-supporting, but depended on economic aid furnished by the voluntary fund-raising efforts of Jews throughout the world. Israel still needs outside help to achieve economic viability, but its strides are encouraging.

Israel now produces almost all the food its two million inhabitants require for their daily needs. Israel has an expanding merchant fleet carrying the growing products of its modern and efficient factories and its wealth of agricultural produce to the four corners of the earth. Israel has dispatched its own "Peace Corps" of experts and technicians to many new nations in Asia and Africa to help them develop their own industry and agriculture.

It is a remarkable record. So, happy Bar Mitzvah, Israel! Your friends everywhere salute you.

Mr. and Mrs. Club Plans Art Exhibit

The Mr. and Mrs. Club invites all members of the synagogue who sculpt or paint to show their work at the Art Exhibit which will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium, Friday through Sunday, April 21 to 23.

Works will be accepted at the synagogue on Wednesday, April 19, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 21, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the exhibition. Refreshments will be served Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

— Andrew L. Fier

UJA Women's Division To Help Mentally Ill

To provide a solution for the urgent problem of mental illness—Israel's No. 1 tragic problem—UJA Women's Division has initiated a three-year campaign for contributions over and above support of its general campaigns. In this way, UJA can build and staff the psychiatric facilities needed so desperately in Israel without diverting funds from its life-saving program of aid for Jews throughout the world.

Some five thousand of Israel's emotionally disturbed men, women and children are now stranded in sub-standard institutions. For many hundreds, there is no space at all. What is even more important, there is an acute shortage of psychiatrists, psychologists and other trained personnel.

Through your contribution, you can make the dream of freedom come true by freeing Israel's immigrants from the prison of mental illness. Your contribution can help ease the bitter memories which torment thousands of concentration camp survivors and victims of persecution in hostile lands, who now hope to live as self sufficient citizens in Israel, their adopted home.

Israel Bond Drive Marks Bar Mitzvah Of State Of Israel

The Israel Bond Drive is marking the Bar Mitzvah of the State of Israel by awarding beautiful certificates to all boys and girls who were born in 1948—the year of Israel's re-establishment as a modern nation—on the occasion of their Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah ceremony, as a lasting reminder that they share an important birthdate with the people and the State of Israel.

The news of this interesting plan makes appropriate the reminder that Israel Bonds during the past decade have been the principal source of investment funds for the industrial and agricultural maturing of Israel.

The year of 1961, therefore, is time to think once more of our own role in helping the young State of Israel to grow and prosper and continue to stand with dignity as an equal partner in the world family of nations. Now is the time to think of investing in Israel Bonds!

Rabbi Nadich Addresses Men's Clubs Luncheons

Rabbi Nadich is to speak on Maimonides, the great medieval Jewish philosopher and sage, on Tuesday, May 2 and May 9, at the Downtown Businessmen's Luncheons sponsored by the Metropolitan Region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, the national organization of men's clubs affiliated with Conservative congregations.

The luncheons take place at the Wilkie Memorial Building, 20 West 40 Street, from noon to 2:00 p.m., and men of our congregation are cordially invited to attend. Further information may be obtained from Mr. Charles Bennet of our own Men's Club, who may be reached at MU 7-4560 or at AT 9-8505.

Congregational Seder An Enjoyable Event

Our annual congregational *Seder* on Saturday evening, April 1, held in the Lemberg Auditorium, was hailed as the most enjoyable function of its kind ever held at Park Avenue Synagogue. The warmth and conviviality of spirit gave the feeling of sitting with one's own family at a *Seder* at home, in spite of the fact that the attendance was at a maximum; some two weeks before the event, the *Seder* was over-subscribed.

Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman conducted the *Seder*, and the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the piano led in the singing of many songs. In addition to the music of the Haggadah itself, a number of Israeli and Yiddish song were interspersed during the course of the dinner.

Thanks are due Mrs. Albert List, chairman of the *Seder* committee, and her hostesses, the Mesdames Saul Godwin, Joseph Howard Katz, Reuben R. Kaufman, Samuel Lemberg, David J. Mendelsohn, Judah Nadich, David J. Putterman, Irving Sabsevit, Milton Sivek, and Harry J. Sokolow.

The tables and the entire auditorium were beautifully decorated by Mrs. Milton M. Sivek.

Mrs. List presented an Israeli woven Matzah cloth to be used at the congregational *Seder* every year, for which we express our warm appreciation.

All in all, this year's *Seder* was one of the memorable events at the synagogue.

Hebrew High School Of Jewish Studies For All Our Children

"If all Jewish college students were aware of the spiritual and emotional forces that afflict them, they would protest against the premature termination of their Jewish education".

"So it is with every Jewish child who leaves Hebrew School at the age of thirteen. By the time he enters college, the foundations of his Jewish education are meaningless and overgrown with weeds."

"The imbalance between the maturity of his general education and the immaturity of his Jewish education inevitably makes for the tragic stress and pulls which lead to his painful sense of inferiority, alienation, self-hatred and deliberate escapism.

"The development of a Hebrew High School for all our children assumes

- (1) The availability of competent teachers
- (2) The readiness of the parents to accept Hebrew High School education as a must for their children.
- (3) The readiness of congregational leadership to assume the responsibilities of such a program."

Excerpts from an article written by Dr. Abraham E. Millgram for *Conservative Judaism*, 1961.

Milton Steinberg High School

The mid-Manhattan Conservative congregational leadership has assumed the responsibility of providing a high school education for all our children by organizing the Milton Steinberg High School of Jewish Studies.

Graduates from the religious schools of Park Avenue Synagogue, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and the Society for the Advancement of Judaism will be eligible for admission to the school. Courses will also be available to boys and girls, 13 to 16 years of age, who have had no previous Jewish education.

Parents are now called upon to accept Hebrew high school education as a "must" for their children. Parents are invited to register their children for the new Milton Steinberg Central High School, which will open September, 1961, by calling at our School Office after 3:00 p.m. on mid-week afternoons.

—Martin Leichtling

Financial Report Of Kensico Cemetery

The following financial summary of the Kensico Cemetery operations was presented at a meeting of the Board of Trustees by Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee.

On February 28, 1961, the total contributions received for burial rights amounted to \$21,530. These contributions represent payments made to Park Avenue Synagogue for burial rights which are available exclusively through membership in the congregation. These burial rights have been made available to eighteen families.

Our disbursements to the Kensico Cemetery, representing payments to Kensico by Park Avenue Synagogue for burial rights in two acres of land purchased by us, totals \$20,152. In December 1959, we paid \$7,000 or 10% of the \$70,000 purchase price. We have since paid, in notes, \$12,600 plus interest amounting to \$552 or a total of \$20,152 as indicated above. The net amount left in our cemetery account now amounts to \$1,378.00.

The next payment is due June 1962, our contributions have enabled us to anticipate our June and December 1961 notes.

Torah Fund Luncheon Thursday, April 20

Rabbi Nadich Guest Speaker

The Manhattan and Bronx Division of the National Women's League will have its annual *Hai* luncheon on behalf of the Torah Fund at the Hotel Olcott, 27 West 72 Street, on April 20, with Rabbi Judah Nadich as guest speaker.

Women of Park Avenue Synagogue who have not as yet made their reservations may do so even now by telephoning Mrs. Harry Neivert at TE 8-1682. Mrs. Neivert is our Sisterhood chairman for the Torah Fund.

The Torah Fund is a national effort staged by the Sisterhoods of the Conservative synagogues throughout the country on behalf of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Its proceeds help in the training of rabbis, teachers and Jewishly educated young men and women who will become the professional and lay leaders of American Jewry during the years to come.

Rabbi Nadich On National Network

Rabbi Judah Nadich has been invited to deliver the address on the Message of Israel broadcast of Sunday, May 14, 1961. In New York, the program will be heard that day at 7:30 p.m. over radio station WABC (770 kc).

The Message of Israel program was begun by the late Rabbi Jonah Wise twenty-seven years ago, and is currently heard weekly over some two hundred stations throughout the United States and Canada and also overseas through the Armed Forces radio service.

We Are Proud Of Our Members . . .

Mr. Benjamin A. Hartstein, who will be honored by the Lawyers' Division of UJA at a dinner at the Essex House, 160 Central Park South, on April 25, for his outstanding work for the UJA campaign. As chairman of this division in 1959-1960, Mr. Hartstein raised more than \$2,500,000 for UJA from members of the legal profession.

Mr. Harold Levin who recently was honored by the 92nd Street YMHA at its annual dinner-meeting upon his retirement as president after four years of inspiring leadership.

Welfare Fund Receives Gifts

Recent contributions to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund have included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Abraham E. Goll; Mr. Oscar S. Rosner; Mr. A. H. Angstreich in memory of Michael Dubin; Mrs. David Ebenau in memory of her husband; Miss Sylvia Mervankin.

The Welfare Fund answers requests for assistance by worthy and appropriate causes, institutions and individual scholars. Checks made out to the order of the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund may be sent in care of Rabbi Nadich or directly to the synagogue office.

Visit Our Library

The Cohen Library is open for visiting, browsing and borrowing.

Library Hours:

Sunday and Tuesday—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday—2:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Report Of Hebrew Speaking Circle

The Hebrew Speaking Circle of Park Avenue Synagogue held a well-attended meeting on Thursday, April 13, at the home of Mr. Arthur H. Bienenstock. The discussion centered about topics chosen from a Hebrew newspaper published in Israel.

Plans were discussed for programs for next year. Everyone felt that considerable progress had been made during the past year, and expressed the desire to continue the sessions of the circle.

— Alexander Richman

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Dubin upon the birth of a grandson, Jonathan Michael Cates.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Kourland upon the birth of a daughter, Helen Olivia.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List upon the birth of a grandson, Daniel Abraham Levinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney R. Nussenfeld upon the engagement of Mrs. Nussenfeld's daughter, Jane Laurie, to Mr. Adam Walinsky.

A Note Of Appreciation

What a pleasant surprise to have a member say that she was so pleased with her son's Bar Mitzvah that she wanted to express her gratitude by giving the synagogue a contribution!

This happened recently when Mrs. Louis Rand presented the synagogue with a most generous gift in honor of her son, Bruce Samuel Rand. Park Avenue Synagogue expresses its appreciation for this unexpected gift.

Microfilm Collection At Seminary Library

The Louis Ginzberg Microfilm Collection, first center in America to use modern techniques of reproduction and projection in an attempt to gather in one place microfilm copies of Hebrew manuscripts from all the major libraries in the world, is now available to scholars. Housed in the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 122nd Street and Broadway, the collection was established in memory of the late Dr. Louis Ginzberg, Professor of Talmud and Bible at the Seminary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday evening, April 21

Saturday, April 22

Sunday afternoon, April 23

Mr. and Mrs. Club Art Exhibit

Tuesday, May 2 — 5:00 p.m.

Sisterhood Bazaar

Cocktails and Supper

Wednesday, May 3, 11 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Luncheon and Bazaar

Friday, May 5, Service — 8:30 p.m.
17th Annual Liturgical Music Service

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Congregational Meeting

For members only

Shavuot Service — Confirmation

Sunday, May 21 (first day) 9:30 a.m.

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9:30 a.m.

Shavuot Service

Yizkor Memorial Service

Achieving Immortality

Many individuals attain immortality during their lifetime by composing a deathless song, climbing an unsurmountable peak, winning a crucial battle in mankind's upward struggle. The achievements of others are recognized after they are gone, and their scintillating memory lights the world they have left with suddenly perceived brilliance, while posthumous monuments of wood and stone are unveiled in belated appreciation of their distinguished contributions.

But you and I, ordinary mortals, who have not been touched with divine genius, whose lips and fingers are not glowing with celestial fire — how can we achieve immortality? One of the simplest ways is to give of energies and substance to perpetuating the ideals and institutions that will continue to serve our fellow men after we are gone; by associating our name, for example, with the deathless sanctuary of our people, and assuring that the structure our fathers built for us for generations will survive to benefit posterity.

—Exchange.

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(AT 9-5500)

List Of Books Of Jewish Interest

Recently during the Oneg Shabbat following the Parents Association Service, Charles Angoff, the guest speaker, was asked by several members to submit a list of recommended books of Jewish interest. We are happy to print the list:

The Rise of David Levinsky, by Abraham Cahan.

The Old Bunch, by Meyer Levin.

By the Waters of Manhattan, by Charles Reznikoff.

Aaron Traum, by Hyman and Lester Cohen.

Call It Sleep, by Henry Roth

Singerman, by Myron Brinig

Focus, by Arthur Miller.

The Island Within, by Ludwig Lewisohn.

The Assistant, by Bernard Malamud.

The Magic Barrel and Other Stories, by Bernard Malamud.

What's the Big Hurry? by James Yaffe.

Face of a Hero, by Louis Falstein.

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This Land, These People

These Your Children

A Treasury of American Jewish Stories.

The Chosen

The last four books were edited by Harold U. Ribalow.

Condolences

Mr. Benjamin Honig upon the death of his mother Hannah Honig.

Mr. Edward Gerber and Mrs. Iris Damson upon the death of their father, Nathan B. Gerber, a trustee of the synagogue.

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79th Annual Congregational Meeting Of Synagogue Will Take Place Sunday Evening, May 7, At 8:00 P.M.

The seventy-ninth annual congregational meeting of Park Avenue Synagogue will take place on Sunday evening, May 7, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. All members of the synagogue are cordially invited to attend. Needless to say, membership in our synagogue applies equally to husband and wife in all families.

Official notice, as well as the proposed slate of officers and members of the Board of Trustees, has been mailed to congregants. The slate submitted by Mr. Benjamin Sack, chairman of the Nominating Committee, has been unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board, will give a detailed report of the activities of the synagogue during the past year. Our president, Mr. Jacob Klein, will bring a message of greeting. A special item on the program will concern the granting of *aliyot* to women. Following the election, Rabbi Nadich will induct the candidates into office.

Directly after the meeting, a reception will take place in the Sisterhood Lounge where refreshments will be served. The following members of Sisterhood, Parents Association, Men's Club and Mr. and Mrs. Club will serve on the Hospitality Committee: Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Altman, Mr. David Altschul, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Cornell, Mr. Harry A. Dubin, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fier, Mr. L. Chester Glaser, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Lehman, Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, Dr. Herbert M. Felner.

This meeting is an opportunity for congregants to hear about the many facets of synagogue life. For new members, the meeting should be a "must" because they can learn first hand about the accomplishments of the various arms of the synagogue.

Premiere Performance of "Shir L'erev Shabbat" At Friday Service - May 5

The seventeenth annual service of New Liturgical Music by Contemporary Composers will take place on Friday evening, May 5, at 8:30 p.m. The service will feature the world premiere performance of "Shir L'erev Shabbat", an original service by the talented composer, David Amram. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct the service assisted by the augmented choir with George Crook at the organ.

The composer, Mr. David Amram, is a talented young man who has composed music for many plays, piano sonatas and chamber music. His concert at Town Hall in June, 1960, was described as "dedicated and passionately honest." For the service, "Shir L'erev Shabbat", Mr. Amram has taken the dedication from Psalm 133, verse 1: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, May 58:30 P.M.

Seventeenth Annual New Liturgical Music Service

Premiere of "Shir L'erev Shabbat" by David Amram

Saturday Morning, May 69:30 A.M.

Rabbi Nadich will preach

Bar Mitzvah of Peter Max Zimmerman

son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Zimmerman

Friday Evening, May 125:45 P.M.

Saturday Morning, May 139:30 A.M.

Rabbi Jacob Bosniak will preach

Bar Mitzvah of Lionel Abraham

son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Barasch

*Rabbi Nadich will conduct the services together with
Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir
with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

From the Rabbi's Desk: Aliyot for Women

When I preached my sermon on Friday evening, April 14, a goodly congregation was present. However, in this column may I touch upon some of the salient points of that sermon for those who were not able to be present and also as a refresher for those who were.

Conservative Judaism affirms the importance of law in Jewish life but says that its true character is that of an evolving and developing creation, responding to the urgent requirements and the highest moral standards of every age. In the area of women's disabilities, as in other areas, Jewish law must be shown to be viable and vital, capable of growth and further development through reinterpretation, amendment and, if need be, legislation — in keeping with the evolving character of a living law. In the area of women's rights, new advances in law and practice would be a further extension of the historically superior lot of the Jewish woman, a position we should be jealous of and zealous to reclaim and regain.

It is in the light of this background that we ought to view such matters as mixed seating in the synagogue, mixed choirs, women on synagogue boards, *Bat Mitzvah*, the ongoing attempt to secure equality for women in divorce procedures, and the current discussion concerning *aliyot* for women.

Several years ago and after much study and careful deliberation, the Rabbinical Assembly Commission on Jewish Law and Standards reached a conclusion, with but one member dissenting, that in principle calling women to the *Torah* is not a contravention of the *Halakhah*, the traditional Jewish law. In Tannaitic times, the authorities affirmed the legality of women receiving an *aliyah*. How widely this was actually

practiced it is difficult to tell. Undoubtedly, much depended upon the status of the women in the non-Jewish communities among whom the Jews lived. There is certainly ample evidence that it has not been practiced for the past several hundred years at least. Hence the first reaction to the suggestion of a change in the practice today may be one of emotionally-rooted disinclination.

But here we have an opportunity to do two things. Firstly, traditional Judaism can meet the challenge of the times in the area of woman's status, in keeping with the trend in Jewish law and the historic status of women in Judaism. Moreover, we have the opportunity of demonstrating the adaptability and hence the viability of Jewish law and religious practice.

So, then, the adoption of the practice of calling women to the *Torah* would be a step forward. However, it must be coupled with two hopes: that it will not lead to men relinquishing their privilege to women, so that the synagogue becomes a place for women and children only, for this would destroy Judaism; secondly, we would hope that the practice would encourage more women to study Hebrew and to become familiar with the language in which the traditional blessings are recited when a person is called to the *Torah*. Of course, calling women to the *Torah* would under no circumstances be mandatory, but would be the privilege of such women as would desire it.

Therefore I commend the practice of *aliyot* for women for your consideration, with the prayer that it may lead to even greater participation by both men and women in more meaningful public Jewish worship.

— Judah Nadich

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In Memoriam: Nathan B. Gerber

It is my sad duty to report to you that during the early hours of this past Wednesday morning, April 12, our dear friend and colleague and member of the Board of Trustees, Nat B. Gerber, unexpectedly went to his untimely and eternal rest. Nat died in his sleep of a fatal heart attack.

Nat was 53 years of age. Those of us who knew him well know that this synagogue and this Board meant a great deal to him. Following his induction as a trustee, he wrote me that no event in his life, outside of the circle of his immediate family, compared to the honor which the synagogue had bestowed upon him in electing him a trustee. He attended his last service at the synagogue this past Saturday on the eighth day of Passover. Last month he flew back to New York from Tulsa, Oklahoma on a special flight, to arrive here in time for our Board meeting. Ironically, in the minutes of the last Board meeting, his name appears first on the list of the trustees who were present.

Now he has joined his dear wife, who died only last June, likewise of a heart attack and who lies buried in the Park Avenue Synagogue Cemetery grounds in Kensico. The words of the Psalmist come to mind again — that the actions of the Lord are truly mysterious.

The funeral will be held here tomorrow, Friday, at 12 noon. I have asked all the Trustees and the Advisory Council to assemble in the Cohen Library at 11:45 a.m. to form an honorary pallbearer line. I shall ask our Executive Director that the minutes of this meeting shall provide that when this meeting adjourns, it will do so out of respect and in tribute to the memory of a devoted and dedicated member of our Board. Nathan B. Gerber.

Will you now please rise for a minute of silent tribute to him?

Tribute by Joseph Howard Katz,
chairman of Board of Trustees,
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Candidates For Officers and Trustees Of Board To Be Elected At The Congregational Meeting, May 7

In accordance with Article III, Section 1 of the By-Laws, the Board of Trustees wishes to present at the Congregational Meeting on May 7, 1961, the following names as candidates for Officers and Trustees of Park Avenue Synagogue for the year beginning May 8, 1961.

The members of the Nominating Committee were as follows: Mr. Benjamin Sack, chairman; Mr. Harry Halbren, General Melvin L. Krulewitch, Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, Mr. Archie Thurman.

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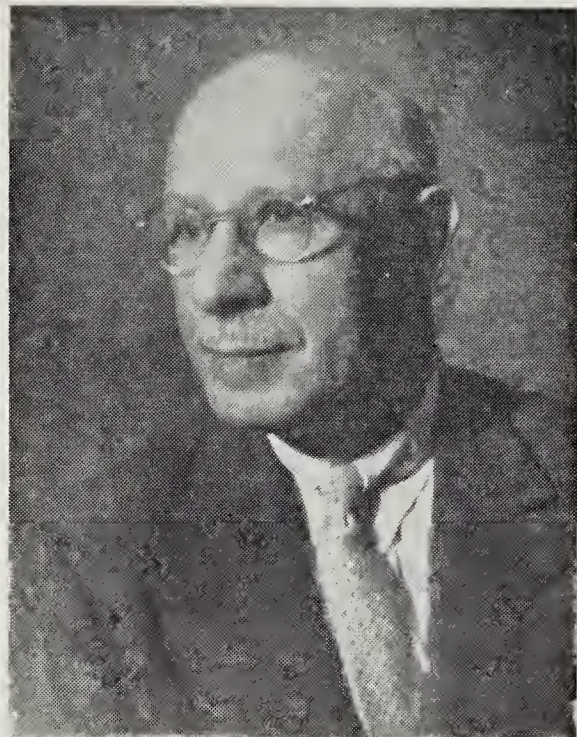
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the Nominating Committee

Rabbi Nadich on "Message of Israel" Over National Network

The "Message of Israel" radio program broadcast each week over the facilities of the American Broadcasting Company will carry a sermon by Rabbi Nadich on Sunday, May 14, 1961. In New York, the program is heard at 7:30 p.m. over station WABC, 770 k.c.

The late Rabbi Jonah Wise of our neighboring congregation, the Central Synagogue, began the "Message of Israel" program 27 years ago. It is heard weekly over some 200 stations in the United States and Canada, and also overseas through the Armed Forces radio network.

Course Continues in "Ethics of the Fathers"

Rabbi Nadich's course in *Pirkei Avot* continues each Saturday afternoon in the Appleman Chapel at 5:15 p.m.

Although this series began immediately after Passover, each session is a unit by itself. Those who have not attended heretofore are invited to come next Saturday. The subject discussed is the interesting rabbinic text containing the ethical aphorisms of the ancient teachers of Israel.

This Saturday afternoon series will continue through Saturday, May 20. Men and women are invited to attend the sessions each Saturday afternoon.

Parents Association

On Wednesday evening, April 19, the Parents Association held an open meeting in the Lemberg Auditorium. The audience was greeted by the president of the organization, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil. Then Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, chairman of Program, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Louis Linn, well known psychiatrist, lecturer and author, who spoke on "Psychiatry and the Wisdom of Judaism." Following the lecture, there was an interesting question and answer period. A social hour during which refreshments were served under the supervision of Mrs. Mortimer Brandt brought to a close a very pleasant evening. Mrs. Robert Altman arranged the beautiful refreshment table which received so many compliments.

For its final meeting on Tuesday, May 23, the Parents Association will have as its theme *Yom Ha Moreh*—a celebration of Teachers' Recognition Day. We hope you will reserve the date and plan to join us in paying tribute to the teachers of our Religious School.

—Doris Diamond

Mr. And Mrs. Club

Art Exhibit

The Art Exhibit sponsored by the Mr. and Mrs. Club was an unqualified success. One of the highlights of the show was an exhibition of contemporary Israeli art supplied by Hadassah.

Among the artists represented in the main collection were: Irving Amen, Edith Bry, Dorothy Paris, Alfred Van Loen, and Rita Leff.

The opening of the exhibit on Friday, April 21, took place in the Lemberg Auditorium at an *Oneg Shabbat* following the Friday evening service.

The party which was held Sunday afternoon was well attended by an audience of art enthusiasts. "The success of the art exhibit this year," said Mr. Andrew Fier, chairman of the Art Show committee, "leads us to hope that next year's show, as well as all those in the future, will be among the outstanding synagogue art shows in the metropolitan area."

The Mr. and Mrs. Club wishes to thank all the members of the synagogue for their participation in the Art Show.

Registration For Milton Steinberg High School Of Jewish Studies

Who may enroll?

1. Students who have been graduated from the Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School or from any recognized five-year Hebrew School.
2. Students who are 13 to 16 years of age and in high school may be admitted to take special courses.

What courses will be offered?

The Course of Study will offer subjects in English or in Hebrew in the following areas:

1. The Story of the Jewish People
2. The Bible
3. Religion
4. Jewish and Hebrew Literature

When will the school be in session?

The student may enroll for one of three levels of instruction:

1. Three-hour program meets on Sundays only. Tuition \$60 per annum.
2. Five-hour program meets on Sunday and one week-day. Tuition \$100 per annum.
3. Seven-hour program meets on Sunday and two week-days. Tuition \$100 per annum.

Where will the school conduct classes?

The School will meet at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 32 West 86 Street, New York City.

How may I enroll?

Students may apply for September admission at the Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School office on weekdays between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

For further particulars or for a complete course of study, call Mr. Martin Leichtling (EN 9-2600).

Registration For Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School

Who May Enroll?

The Primary Department will accept all children from kindergarten age through the third grade of elementary school.

The Hebrew Department will accept all children who will be nine years old by April 1, 1962.

Children of non-members may be enrolled in the school.

What Courses Will be Offered?

The Primary Department aims to familiarize the child with Judaism; its holidays, its heroes, its customs and ceremonies. It seeks to encourage pleasurable experiences in Jewish living.

The Hebrew Department prepares the child for an active and constructive participation in Jewish life. Instruction in Hebrew, Bible, history, customs and ceremonies and religious worship in the Junior Congregation develop in the child an understanding of the religious concepts, the ethical values and the ritual forms of Judaism.

When Will the School be in Session?

The Primary Department meets on Sunday morning from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The Hebrew Department meets on two mid-week afternoons and on Saturday mornings. There are two classes on each grade of study—one class meeting from 3:40 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the other from 5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. Saturday classes meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where will the School Conduct Classes?

The Religious School—Primary and Hebrew Department—meets in the Milton Steinberg Building, 50 East 87 Street.

How May I Enroll?

Students may apply for September admission at the Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School Office on weekdays between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. Application may also be made by telephoning EN 9-2600.

—Martin Leichtling

Dr. Bosniak To Preach Saturday Morning-May 13

Rabbi Nadich has extended an invitation to Dr. Jacob Bosniak to preach the sermon at the service on Saturday morning, May 13, when the grandson of Dr. Bosniak will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah. Rabbi Nadich will address the Bar Mitzvah boy.

Rabbi Bosniak was ordained by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and received his Master's and Doctor's degrees from the same institution. He served as rabbi of the Ocean Parkway Jewish Center in Brooklyn from 1921 to 1948 when he became rabbi emeritus. He was president of the Brooklyn Board of Rabbis, and is the author of several works including the widely used *Prayers of Israel*.

He will preach on the subject, "When Truth Will Prevail in the World."

Friday Evening Services On New Schedule

Members of the congregation and readers of the Bulletin are asked to note that beginning with the service on Friday evening, May 12, the service for the eve of the Sabbath each week will be at 5:45 p.m. in the Main Synagogue. This schedule will continue through the coming summer months.

We hope that many of our members will attend this brief service inaugurating the Sabbath in order to begin the great weekly day of rest and spiritual and cultural refreshment with the sanctity and the inspiration of a congregational service. This service is one of prayer and song, and usually ends about 6:30 p.m.

The Saturday morning services continue at the regular hour, commencing at 9:30 a.m., with the weekly Sabbath morning sermon.

"Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary."

Reinhold Niebuhr

We Take Pride In Our Members . . .

Mr. Charles Bennet upon his election as president of the New York Metropolitan Region of the Federation of Men's Clubs.

Mr. Irving Felt, who has been elected vice-president of the Board of Directors of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who received the annual Harlan Fiske Stone Memorial Award of the Association of Trial Lawyers of New York at a dinner held recently at the Sheraton Astor Hotel. The award was given to Judge Kaufman "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to American jurisprudence."

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood is pleased to announce that it has contributed \$13,000.00 to the synagogue for the Parish House Fund.

On Tuesday, May 16, Sisterhood will hold its final meeting of the season. A gala birthday party is planned for that afternoon and luncheon will be served at 12 noon. This will be followed by the installation of the following officers:

For Chaplain: Mrs. Irwin H. Rome; President: Mrs. Max Zahler; Vice-presidents: Mesdames Mack H. Feiber, Herman Helpen, Richard Rudell, Seymour Wimpfheimer; Recording Secretary: Mrs. Wilbur Cowett; Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. David Seiler; Social Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Morris M. Cohn; Financial Secretary: Mrs. Mortimer D. Millheiser, Treasurer: Mrs. Paul Bercu.

Executive Board Members 1961-1964: Mesdames Edwin Davidson, Bruno Foa, Louis Greenstein, Benjamin Sack, Jacob Starr, and Harold Margulies.

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Past Presidents: Mesdames Solomon E. Green, Milton Heller, William Karmiol, Harold H. Levin, Edward Peiper, Sigmund A. Siegel, Samuel Wimpfheimer and Honorary Past President: Mrs. Jacob Friedman.

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— Ethel B. Altschul

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Synagogue Members Attend Interfaith Neighbors Luncheon

On Monday, April 17, a Ministers and Rabbis Luncheon was held at Christ Church Methodist, 520 Park Avenue, in behalf of Interfaith Neighbors. The large group who attended the luncheon represented many churches and synagogues throughout the city, including Park Avenue Synagogue.

"Together churches and synagogues can beat delinquency and build good citizens." This is the motto of the Interfaith Neighbors, and the theme discussed at the luncheon by members of the Police Department and several young social workers who told of their work with disturbed youngsters in the Yorkville section of the city. The dedicated street worker learns from the Youth Patrolman of the Precinct about the trouble spots in the neighborhood and about the particular boys who need help. He uses community resources such as city agencies and private welfare organizations. He goes to court with the boy in trouble; he is understanding without being sentimental—firm without being bossy.

1961 will be the seventh year of the East Side Story. Through these years, fourteen churches and synagogues have cooperated in this work of challenging delinquency. We are proud to say that Park Avenue Synagogue plays an important role in helping to solve this community problem. The following members of the synagogue are on the Interfaith Neighbors Committee: Mrs. Bruno Foa, Mrs. Herman G. Helpen, Mrs. Edward Peiper, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

To continue these services, Interfaith Neighbors needs your individual support. Help start prevention today by sending your contribution to Interfaith Neighbors, 331 East 70 Street, New York City. Perhaps you can offer a job to a teenager. If so, please contact Interfaith Neighbors.

—RMR

Visit Our Library

The Cohen Library is open for visiting, browsing and borrowing.

Library Hours:

Sunday and Tuesday—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday—2:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Men's Club News

Ladies Night

From Mr. Harry A. Dubin, president of the Men's Club, comes this vivid account of the fabulous Ladies Night, the affair which the club gives each year for members and their ladies:

"A memorable evening! Exceeding tradition again, on Saturday, April 29, Men's Club tendered its annual Ladies' Night to members of the club. Acclaimed the highlight of synagogue social events, this year saw the Lenberg Auditorium transferred into a swank and sophisticated night club called *The Room Below*.

"From the welcome by a uniformed doorman, over the red carpet into the Club, the ladies were greeted at the door by Maitre d' Julian Jacobs, were adorned with orchids, presented a personal gift and ushered into the candlelit *Room Below*.

"Over cocktails and canapes, old and new acquaintances exchanged easy pleasantries to the muted music of the band. There was dancing and camaraderie and, as the glow of friendship kindled, the guests were served a sumptuous sit-down dinner in typical French manner. There were the attractive cigarette girl, the roaming photographer, offering minute photos to all interested; the wine steward pouring French, Italian and Israeli wines. There was entertainment galore and, above all, the great fun of just losing one's cares for a night and, in a charmed setting, sharing one's self with friendly, likeable people.

"A salute to chairmen Albert Siegel and Archie Richman and their hard working committee for what everyone agreed was a memorable evening."

Election Dinner Meeting Wednesday, May 24

The next event of the Men's Club, and the last for the current year, will be the Election-Dinner Meeting, on Wednesday, May 24. Since this will also be the Bar Mitzvah Party for the Club, preparations are being made for the fitting recognition of this milestone in the life of the organization. In addition to the ceremonial observance, there will be a guest speaker. Further details will appear in the next Bulletin.

We urge all members of Men's Club to reserve the date, May 24, for this important meeting.

—Jacob W. Boorstein

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Appleman upon the engagement of their daughter, Susan L. to Thomas I. Unterberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cohen upon the birth of a grandson, Peter Lawrence Scher.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Spiegel upon the marriage of their son, Irwin, to Carol Lavine.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Gevirtz upon the birth of a great grand-son John Beldock.

Judge and Mrs. Irving Rosen upon the engagement of their son, Michael Herbert, to Barbara Ann Albert.

UJA News

Mental Health Clinic To Be Built in Haifa

Because there are still thousands of mentally ill in Israel, the broken remnants of the Nazi holocaust, who look to us for help, the Women's Division of UJA has undertaken the task of building a Mental Health Clinic in Haifa.

In order to reach our goal and wind up the 1961 campaign, a tea has been planned to take place at the home of Mrs. Abraham N. Geller, 47 East 88 Street on Thursday, May 11, at 1:30 p.m. An interesting program will feature a well known guest speaker, a musical interlude and the awarding of a number of door prizes.

Invitations have been sent to contributors of \$25.00 and over and to those workers who bring in contributions of \$50.00 and over.

We hope that the women of the synagogue who serve in an official capacity for the cause of UJA will unite in this special appeal to assist in making this function successful. —Freda Sack

Condolences

Mr. Maurice Freeman upon the death of his mother, Adelaide Freeman.

Mrs. Hannah Seligman upon the death of her brother, Mortimer Seligman.

Mr. Irving Flachs upon the death of his mother, Helen Flachs.

Comparative Religion

Christianity starts with one idea about man; Judaism starts with another. The idea that Judaism starts with is that man is created in the likeness of God. You don't have to go far to discover that it is possible to bring forth the divine within you and the divine in other men. There is always the opportunity to do a *mitzvah* (good deed). It is with that opportunity that I began as a Jew.

Christianity begins with the basic assumption that man is essentially depraved and sinful—that left to himself he can do nothing. He has to be saved. Man starts with despair. He is involved in evil.

This is not the Jewish way of thinking. When I walk through the streets of a city and a Christian missionary meets me, the first question he asks me is: "What do you do for the salvation of your soul?" I have never thought of salvation. It is not a Jewish problem. My problem is what *mitzvah* can I do next. Am I going to say a *brocho* (blessing)? Am I going to be kind to another person? To study *Torah*? How am I going to prepare for the Sabbath? Those are my problems. The central issue in Judaism is the *mitzvah*, the sacred act. And it is the greatness of man that he can do a *mitzvah*. How great we are that we can fulfill the will of God!

Pauline Christianity starts with the idea that man is never able to fulfill the will of God. All he has to do essentially, is to wait for salvation. Here we have two different ways—the classical Jewish way, the way of the Bible and the Rabbis, and the other way. I have profound respect for Christianity and Christian theology. Christianity is one way and Judaism is another. I, as a Jew, do not know what despair is. Despair means utter futility, being utterly lost. I will never be lost. I know where I am going, I am the son of Abraham. Despite all my imperfection, faults and sins, I remain a part of that Covenant that God made with Abraham; we are going toward the Kingship of God and the Messianic era. This is the preciousness of being a Jew.

—Dr. Abraham Heschel



CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, May 5, 1961.....6:36 p.m.

Friday, May 12, 1961.....6:43 p.m.

Travel Directions To Sharon Gardens

Now that the weather is pleasant, we know that some of our members may want to drive to Sharon Gardens, Kensico Cemetery, to inspect the Park Avenue Synagogue burial grounds.

Under favorable road conditions, the trip can be made by automobile approximately in forty-five minutes. Many congregants are familiar enough with Westchester County to select their own itinerary. Perhaps the easiest route for your first trip of inspection to Sharon Gardens is the following:

From the Triboro Bridge, take the Major Deegan Highway which very soon becomes the New York State Thruway. Leave the Thruway at Rt. No. 119 Elmsford, Exit 8. You will then find yourself on Main Street in Elmsford, also known as Tarrytown Road. Turn right and proceed in an easterly direction for one and one-half miles. You should then be approaching an intersection called Knollwood Road. Rt. 100A. Bear right on the service road (do not go under the bridge) and at this intersection make a left turn on to Route 100A. Proceed on this road for approximately two miles. At this point you will reach an intersection which, when crossed, brings you on to route 100. Continue proceeding north. This road is also called Bradhurst Avenue. After you proceed for five tenths of a mile, you will arrive at Lakeview Avenue which goes in only one direction to your right, easterly. Directly above the Lakeview Avenue sign, there is another one which says *Sharon Gardens*. Proceed on Lakeview Avenue for seven tenths of a mile. This brings you to the office of the cemetery.

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May 16, 1961

Confirmation, May 21 At Shavuot Service

At the *Shavuot* service on Sunday morning, May 21, 1961, the congregation will honor the members of the Confirmation Class and the graduates of the Hebrew Department and the High School Department of the Religious School.

Thirteen of our students, John Altman, Carl Applebaum, Lionel Barasch, Lloyd Bloom, Jill Boriss, Jeffrey Dell, Peter Goll, Sande Douglas Mil'on, Emile Pincus, Lenore Pressman, Jon Rosenblatt, Sanford Shapiro, and Jonathan Towers, who have completed five years of study in our three-day-a-week Hebrew Department will receive their diplomas. Six of these graduates also studied in a special confirmation class with Donald Boriss, Jan Ellen Cornell, Joan Ellen Fieber, Barbara Levine, Harriet Anne Morits, Barbara Jean Sherr and Therese Sandra Stern. They will be awarded Certificates of Confirmation.

The High School Department will grant diplomas to five graduates who, during the last two years, have studied Hebrew, Ethics of the Fathers, the Prophets and the History of the Jewish people. The students are: Steve Braun, Pauline Bukantz and Joan Hoexter, Jon Mills and Jonathan Stowe.

The Confirmation-Graduation class will present, as its composite effort, an abridged version of the cantata, "Our Bialik" composed by Ira and Judith Eisenstein and directed by our music instructor, Mrs. Leah Abrams. The cantata was selected as part of the celebration of the *Bar Mitzvah* anniversary of the State of Israel.

The individuals of the class will participate in the *Shavuot* services. They will lead the congregation in responsive readings, give an explanation of the Scriptural readings and *Haftarah*, and read from the Scriptures. One student in the High School Department will read a paper entitled, "Prophecy and the Return to Israel".

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79th Annual Congregational Meeting Of Synagogue Joseph Howard Katz Re-elected Chairman Of Board Jacob Klein Re-elected President

JOSEPH HOWARD KATZ



Re-elected
Chairman of Board of Trustees

JACOB KLEIN



Re-elected President
of Park Avenue Synagogue

The seventy-ninth congregational meeting of Park Avenue Synagogue took place Sunday evening, May 7, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

The slate of officers presented by Mr. Benjamin Sack, chairman of the Nominating Committee, was unanimously approved. The administration will be headed by Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, re-elected chairman of the Board of Trustees; Saul Godwin, re-elected vice-chairman; Jacob Klein, elected president for the tenth year; Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, re-elected 1st vice-president; Solomon E. Green, re-elected 2nd vice-president; Milton M. Sivek, re-elected treasurer; Joseph P. Mandelbaum, re-elected associate treasurer; Emanuel Rosenthal, re-elected secretary.

The members of the class of 1964 elected to the Board of Trustees are: Isidore M. Cohen, Hon. Abraham N. Geller, Saul Godwin, Dr. Milton Helpner, Saul Horowitz, Jacob Klein, Samuel Lemberg, Dr. Harold A. Osserman, Benjamin Sack, Harold R. Starkman, Jacob Starr. Mrs. Max Zahler, president-elect of Sisterhood, was elected as an ex-officio member to serve for one year.

Rabbi Nadich, who installed the officers and members of the Board, stressed the great responsibilities with which our leaders are faced in carrying out their duties. In inducting Mr. Joseph Howard Katz into office for the fifth year, Rabbi Nadich referred to the devotion and zeal which characterize the service Mr. Katz has rendered to the synagogue over the years. No task has been too arduous for his careful attention.

Mr. Jacob Klein was inducted into his tenth year as president of Park Avenue Synagogue. Rabbi Nadich told of Mr. Klein's love and devotion to the synagogue and of the many duties he undertakes. In times of joy or sorrow, our

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Shavuot - Significance And Observance

Shavuot (Hebrew for "weeks") is the second of the three festivals of the Jewish year known as the Three Pilgrimage Feasts. The festival is observed on the sixth and seventh days of *Sivan*, seven weeks from Passover. This year it will fall on May 21 and 22.

Traditionally, *Shavuot* is associated with a momentous event—the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai—and marks the birthday of Israel's spiritual freedom, just as Passover is the birthday of Israel's nationhood and physical liberation. Hence it is called the Season of the Giving of the *Torah*. Just as Passover has been described as the day of the betrothal of Israel and God, *Shavuot* has been regarded as the wedding day, when Israel was wedded to God by His revelation on Mt. Sinai. The festival's celebration symbolizes renewed allegiance to the Laws which have become the foundation for the morality of civilized humanity. The presentation of the Decalogue has proven of utmost importance both to Israel and the world.

The agricultural significance is expressed in more than one name. The feast of the harvest refers to the grain harvest season in ancient Palestine which extended over a period of seven weeks. Another name for the festival is the Day of the First Fruits, for on that day the first ripe fruits were brought to the Temple, in accordance with the Biblical injunction, for the Levites and the poor. This was to emphasize that the best of one's possessions is to be consecrated to the service of God and man. The Pentecost was the name used by the Greek-speaking Jews because it occurred on the fiftieth day after the beginning of Passover (the period of the counting of the Omer).

The observance of the festival is manifold. Synagogues and homes are decorated with greens, such as branches, flowers and plants. It is customary to serve dairy dishes including milk and honey, symbolic of the nourishment and sweetness of the teaching of the *Torah*. In the synagogue, it was traditional for some Jews to pass the entire first night of *Shavuot* in the study of "*Tikun Shavuot*", a collection of excerpts from the Bible and Rabbinic literature. A special hymn called "*Akdavot*" is chanted during the services on the first day of *Shavuot*, describing the wonders of God's creation and the greatness of the *Torah*. The

"Shir L'erev Shabbat" Premiere At Synagogue Outstanding Event

The seventeenth annual service of New Liturgical Music of Contemporary Composers which took place at the Friday evening service on May 5 was a brilliant event at Park Avenue Synagogue.

The world premiere of "*Shir L'erev Shabbat*" by the talented young composer, David Amram, was presented by Hazzan David J. Putterman, the soloists of the synagogue choir under the direction of Maurice Peress, the conductor, and George Crook, organist. Rabbi Nadich gave a fine commentary on modern liturgical music.

The large audience who attended the service were guests at the Oneg Shabbat held in the Lemberg Auditorium. Hazzan Putterman introduced the composer, David Amram, and the conductor, Maurice Peress, each of whom expressed their appreciation to Park Avenue Synagogue and to Hazzan Putterman for making these original musical programs possible.

Our gratitude to Mrs. Jack Boneparth, chairman of the Oneg Shabbat, and to her committee: Mrs. Jacob Applebaum, Mrs. Max August, Mrs. Nathan Ball, Mrs. Aaron Giat, Mrs. Abraham Goll, Mrs. Louis Greenstein, Mrs. Milton Heller, Mrs. Louis Hershey, Mrs. Leon Klein, Mrs. Hyman Robbins, Mrs. Abraham Schnee, Mrs. Abraham Stangel, Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer.

Book of Ruth is read because it not only centers about agricultural life in ancient Palestine, but portrays Ruth embracing Judaism, analogous to the acceptance of the *Torah* by all Israel.

Each year our synagogue has Confirmation and Hebrew School graduation exercises on the first day of *Shavuot*. In modern Israel, the festival has reverted to its ancient agricultural meaning. In settlements, the people indulge in song and dance and festive processions are formed in cities.

Cultural and Religious Activities Committee of the Men's Club.

—L. Chester Glaser, chairman

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
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Friday Evening Services On New Schedule

As is customary at this season of the year, the Friday evening services at Park Avenue Synagogue commence at 5:45 p.m. and conclude at approximately 6:30 p.m. Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman together with the synagogue choir conduct the services in the Main Synagogue through the month of June. During July and August, all Sabbath services are held in the air-conditioned Appleman Chapel.

We hope that many of our members will attend this brief service inaugurating the Sabbath in order to begin the great weekly day of rest and spiritual and cultural refreshment with the sanctity and the inspiration of a congregational service.

Saturday morning services continue at the regular time of 9:30 a.m., and the weekly sermon is delivered during this service.

An Acknowledgment

Rabbi and Mrs. Nadich have received very many letters, notes and telegrams from members of the congregation expressing their good wishes upon the *Bat Mitzvah* of Leah Nessa.

They take this opportunity to express their heartfelt appreciation for this wonderful demonstration of such warm friendship, and they thank each person individually.

Yizkor Memorial Service
will be held on the second day
of Shavuot

Monday morning, May 22

Those wishing to memorialize any member of their family are asked to return the enclosed card which must reach the synagogue office no later than Thursday, May 18.

Cards cannot be accepted during the service.

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Annual Report of Joseph Howard Katz, Chairman of Board of Trustees, Submitted at Congregational Meeting, Sunday Evening, May 7, 1961

May I begin by welcoming you, ladies and gentlemen, to this our 79th annual meeting of Park Avenue Synagogue. All of us in our personal lives have more exciting and fascinating ways of spending our evenings, but by your presence you give evidence that your daily living includes an interest in the values we cherish and that you are willing to give expression to those values.

One of the most important institutions in our life, as we know it today, is the synagogue; and as part of this way of living we have made it a practice at Park Avenue Synagogue to review the meaning of this association as it grows from year to year.

I have given some thought to this report. I have tried to think through, not only what these past twelve months have meant to this congregation, but I have gone back in my mind to the beginning of my administration when I began my first term as chairman of the Board of Trustees. That was on January 13, 1957.

After some research, I decided to take you back to review several of the aims of this congregation as I understood them at that time, and as I attempted to focus them in terms of our activities since then.

I made three promises. I shared these promises and hopes with our congregation on the night I was installed four and a half years ago. In two of these public commitments, I believe we have succeeded quite well. The third item I shall discuss later in my talk, because I feel that we have yet more of the road to travel.

The first promise that the leadership of this congregation made to Park Avenue Synagogue was that the major concern of the Board of Trustees would be directed toward filling our then vacant pulpit with a rabbi of distinction. I have said it in subsequent reports and certainly will reaffirm it again tonight, that in that major pledge we have been extraordinarily successful. Rabbi Judah Nadich has continued to bring eminence to our congregation and has served as an inspiration for so many of our congregants and for so much of our activity. This spring, incidentally, marks the 25th year since our Rabbi's ordination, and I know that the congregation joins with me in extending this public congratula-



Officers and members of the Board of Trustees, Class of 1964: Seated from left to right: Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, 1st vice-president; Jacob Klein, president; Rabbi Judah Nadich; Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board; Standing from left to right: Solomon E. Green, 2nd vice-president; Harold Starkman; Samuel Lemberg; Milton M. Sivek, treasurer; Harold A. Osserman; Benjamin Sack; Saul Godwin, vice-chairman of the Board; I. M. Cohen; Joseph P. Mandelbaum, associate treasurer; Archie Thurman; Dr. Milton Helpen. All trustees elected are members of the class of 1964 with the exception of Archie Thurman, who is chairman of the Ritual Committee. Not shown in the photo: Hon. Abraham N. Geller and Jacob Starr, who had to leave early; Saul Horowitz Sr., who is in Israel; Emanuel Rosenthal, who was unable to be present.

tion to him for his quarter of a century of service to the Jewish community and to our country. We who have had him with us for only four of these twenty-five years are indeed thankful for the spiritual inspiration we have derived during this period.

And of course we are grateful that our pulpit is consistently enhanced by the ever-continuing, magnificent and uplifting service of Hazzan David J. Puterman, who celebrates twenty-eight years of distinguished service to our synagogue. David has been not only our "Shlichah Tzibbur" during all these years, but our friend as well, who shared our happy events and sad moments in our lives.

And, while we are on the subject of the pulpit, we are grateful that our "Baal Keriah", that perennial youth, Hazzan Abraham Friedman, has carried on with vigor and enthusiasm in his duties in the synagogue.

The second of three promises which I made to the congregation four and a half years ago is that I would strive to the best of my ability to restore an era of friendship and unity in our congregation. I think that the record and the evidence is clear that what has trans-

pired during these past four and a half years has been a resolidification of the congregation and a reunification of all its leadership. I am pleased that so many have joined me in this important task of helping to re-establish and maintain the kind of harmony which has been characteristic of our congregational life.

While we are in this spirit of discussing what I am confident are real achievements, I would like to review with you other significant positive events which I believe are important to record as we look back upon the history of our congregation at least during its years immediately preceding this evening. In all fairness, though, while pointing to these accomplishments, I must emphasize that there were others besides your chairman of the Board of Trustees who were responsible for the success of this program. I am pleased and proud of my own participation, but nothing would have been possible without the aid that I have received from the officers, leaders, and the staff of the congregation.

I have noted several matters here, not necessarily in relative order of their importance, but let me set them forth to you somewhat in the manner in which they came to mind.

Sharon Gardens Cemetery

We formally dedicated these new cemetery grounds shortly after our last Congregational meeting. Thereafter many of our congregants took immediate advantage of the purchase of these grounds. In the years to come, this cemetery will be an important bulwark in the strength of Park Avenue Synagogue. But sorrowfully, we must record the fact that Kensico cemetery has already been used by several congregants for the interment of the members who have passed away.

Our Daily Minyan

We, of course, have noted the success of this most significant undertaking on several occasions during the past few years. I find it a matter of personal pride that the *Minyan* has become an established feature of our congregation during my tenure as chairman of the Board of Trustees and we are very proud of its accomplishment.

A Strong Youth Program

Our congregation can boast today of a very popular and much envied youth program. For this, we have much to be proud and, despite the problem occasioned by our space limitation, we must say with real pride that Park Avenue Synagogue today has a program to serve teenagers which is second to none in its attractiveness to our congregants and to the community as a whole.

Physical Improvements

I look back upon this past year and see a continuing refurbishing of several aspects of our buildings. We have added new seat cushions in the balcony of our sanctuary, and new lighting in those areas where required. We redecorated the kitchen, part of the Lemberg Auditorium, Sisterhood Lounge, school rooms and Rabbi's study, and we will continue to keep these properties in the best possible physical appearance.

Milton Steinberg High School for Jewish Studies

This past year has witnessed a most progressive step within the field of youth education in the Manhattan area. Our congregation is one of three synagogues which have joined together to create a Milton Steinberg High School of Jewish Studies. Having known Milton Steinberg as well and as intimately as I did, I can think of few acts which would have gladdened the heart of our late and beloved rabbi more than would the creation of a High School, no matter how modest its beginnings, for the youth of our community. No Jewish educational effort could have a more significant name.



Hebrew class with Dr. Aaron Giat, instructor. Front row, from left to right, Ruth Kurzweil, Abraham Stangel, Belle Klein, Anna Liebert, Jeanne Weinberg, Sarah Waxman, Col. Irvin Waldman; Back row: Anita Feuerring, Leon Klein, Morris Orenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Max August, Esther Biederman, Pearl Kane, Sylvia Acker. Standing, Dr. Aaron Giat.

Adult Education

I have a feeling, and I hope many of you share it with me, that our Adult Education program is beginning to come into its own. There have been ups and downs in this phase of our activities, but for the past twelve months we have been very much on the upswing. It would be unfair to refer merely to the program without mentioning the extraordinarily successful work done by Mrs. Vivian Finkel in teaching a daytime class of Hebrew to mothers. I also wish to refer to the teaching skill shown by Dr. Aaron Giat, a member of our congregation in teaching the evening adult class for both men and women. Both of these are popular and successful classes and compare favorably with the successful programs we have had in recent years.

Other aspects of our Adult Education program this year, which we should note, are the late Saturday afternoon classes given by Rabbi Nadich, the Hebrew speaking circle, and the Mr. and Mrs. Club home study group. I believe that we have begun to develop a pattern which will continue to mark success in this phase of PAS activity.

Mr. and Mrs. Club

Many synagogues, particularly in the suburban area, have had successful groups of this kind, but until this year it has been my feeling that, at our synagogue, the club had never quite caught on. During the past year, however, the activities of the Mr. and Mrs. Club have demonstrated a maturity and popularity which can make us say with certainty that henceforth the activities of this club will become a distinctive feature of the congregation—as it has in the suburbs.

Parish House

The congregation has increased its assets by the purchase of a Parish House co-operative apartment at 993 Park Avenue to be occupied by our rabbi, and we have every reason to feel proud of this acquisition. We are, of course, making this apartment available for the occupancy of Rabbi Nadich and his family, but the apartment remains an important item in the property assets of PAS.

Aliyot for Women

Last, but not least, in my catalogue of recent accomplishments of our congregation is *Aliyot* for women. I hope that when this evening is over, this meeting will ratify once again, and this time by a much larger vote, the principle of offering *Aliyot* to the women of our congregation. I believe that this is an historic step forward, the significance of which will go far beyond our own synagogue and will create a landmark in the advance of equality of women in all aspects of our Jewish life.

Having referred to *Aliyot* for women, I want to take this occasion to remind our congregants that one of the promises I made to our congregation, when I first became chairman of the Board of Trustees, was that I would do my utmost to keep our congregation within the liberal wing of Conservative Judaism; that we would not move toward Reform nor would we, by the same token, move in the direction of Orthodoxy. The extension of *Aliyot* to women is very much in keeping with the spirit of our synagogue over the past decades, and I am happy to record it here this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS The Road Ahead

I would like you to bear with me for several more minutes, my fellow congre-

gants, while I try to look down the path of the future and see whether or not we can, in some manner, outline a major part of the unfinished work of our congregation as we can see it today.

Each era brings with it new tasks and new responsibilities and, just as we try to look ahead to the future, those who follow us will accept these new goals, and will likewise look ahead to the future.

By way of a preface, may I say that what I regard as unfinished business does not necessarily mean that this is something which is going to be finished in the immediate future. However, I would like to help begin that effort to do things now for the sake of our future.

Leadership

When I began my remarks this evening, I spoke with a certain amount of pride when I said that two of the three goals that I had set forth on January 13, 1957 had been achieved. In ordinary terms of baseball, a batting average of point 667 is a pretty good average. But a baseball average is not our criterion here tonight. I am concerned with a real shortcoming that I want to share with you, and that deals with the leadership of our congregation.

We possess an outstanding group of congregants, my fellow officers, trustees, staff and congregation, as a whole. Yet for any number of reasons which somehow intrude themselves into a person's life or into the activities of an institution, I feel that by no means is this synagogue benefitting, as it can and should, from the great talent of leadership available to us.

The third pledge or commitment I made for more active leaders and a greater number of leaders, I am afraid, must be recorded among the hopes and aspirations which are yet to be fulfilled. I would like very much to see the meetings of the Board of Trustees attended by its full complement of thirty-three Trustees, and twenty-five members of the Advisory Council, as well as more participation in committee work.

In the past year, we lost one of our most significant leaders, a past chairman of the Board and a person who had given years of his life to this institution. I refer to the irreparable loss we suffered in the death of Ezra Cohen. In discussing leadership, I must note that since I have been chairman of this Board of Trustees, two other major leaders of our congregation have passed away, Nelson Ruttenberg, who was my strong right

arm and a major leader of this synagogue for many years, and Judge Sanford H. Cohen, likewise a past chairman of the Board of Trustees, a distinguished citizen and a very able and responsible leader of this congregation.

May I ask, if only in tribute to the memory of these distinguished leaders of our congregation, that those of us who are left here to serve, should consider it a special responsibility to apply themselves seriously to membership on the Board, to membership on the Advisory Council, to leadership in the arms of the synagogue, and generally to increase their service to our synagogue? Now to all members of our congregation, may I say this: I hope that those of you who are not personally invited to serve, will regard this message as a personal invitation for you to become part of the life of our congregation. Attend its activities, volunteer to serve on committees, and agree to serve when specifically asked. Attend our religious services and come to our social functions. You will find, as so many congregants have found before you, that PAS, meaningful to **you** as it is today, will become a thousand times more so as your own active participation increases. I am not unrealistic enough to fail to note that the problem we are facing is not peculiar to us, either to our congregation or to organized Jewish life, or, for that matter, in most organizational life; but that does not mean that we should not try to overcome the handicap of so many uninterested people who will not participate in our leadership when we know how much they are needed.

Million Dollar Endowment Reserve

The second matter of unfinished business which I would like to call to the attention of our congregation, is our failure to build up even the beginning of the \$1,000,000 Endowment Reserve Fund we talked about last year and, in fact, the year before. I know that this cannot come from exhortation alone. It will take a carefully thought out, thorough campaign and an effort involving real work by our synagogue leadership. Suffice it to say that a congregation of this size should have a reserve cushion that is several times the size of its annual operating budget. While we are going to have a reserve built up from the cemetery, it is not going to be the kind of cushion I am talking about. The future of our synagogue might have to depend upon such an endowment fund should difficult days descend upon us.

When I first projected the Committee of Gifts, Wills and Bequests in June of 1958, I called attention to the fear of the consequences of a depression, the need for having a substantial reserve to take care of basic and major renovations, and the need for possible expansions in years to come. I even suggested that some day we may be thinking of a pension program for those who make their full time career with our congregation. All of these problems are still with us, and the need for the \$1,000,000 Reserve Endowment Fund Budget is as cogent as it ever was.

A Minhah Maariv Daily Prayer Book

I suppose that, in conventional terms, most people do not normally expect a chairman of the Board of Trustees to be concerned with the writing and publication of prayer books. But let me hasten to add that this particular Board chairman is. I do hope that in a relatively short time, perhaps much sooner than we will be able to achieve some of the other objectives heretofore mentioned, our congregation will have a prayer book of its own for use in our evening *Minyan* services. We have received a special contribution from a generous congregant which we intend to apply to the publication of this prayer book. It is my hope that Rabbi Nadich will be able to complete this project during this coming summer so that it will be available to us in the early part of the fall.

I think I ought to tell you, ladies and gentlemen, very frankly that one of my main reasons for wanting to use this proposed prayer book is that I would like our prayers at the *Minyan* service to resemble and reflect the general position of our congregation in the panorama of our Conservative Jewish life. Furthermore, I would like this same prayer book to be available to our congregants during their times of mourning at their *Minyanim* in their homes rather than the variegated prayer books which do appear.

Physical Expansion

I made reference at an earlier annual meeting to the possibility of additional space requirements beyond what we already have. Perhaps now is not too soon to begin planning to come to grips with the unfinished business that faces us in the next decade or so, to study specially some projection of our requirements in terms of possible physical expansion. As many of you know, when the Milton

Steinberg House was built, it was so constructed as to enable us, if we wished at some subsequent date, to add two more stories. I have a feeling that it is not too soon to begin to think carefully and unhurriedly about the expansion of our facilities.

Let me add in this connection that my concern with the expansion of facilities does not posit the need nor the expectation of increasing the size of our membership. We have eight hundred fourteen families affiliated with our congregation and no matter what ingenious methods can be worked out in the future, I do not see any practical possibility of going very much beyond our present number since we are limited in our sanctuary structure by the number of seats we have available for the High Holy Days. Despite the worship of "bigness" which I, incidentally, do not share, I believe that we can be quite content with a well managed congregation approximately the size we have today. I feel that we should be content with this size if we want to serve our members properly and effectively. We can hardly do so with a much larger congregation.

My references to the plan for expansion is prompted by the increased activity of our present congregants. As of now, all our classrooms are filled on Sunday, and every phase of our synagogue life has increased its activity so that the contemplation of expansion in terms of this increase as a possible projection for the future would by no means be amiss.

Young Adult Program

The fact that it is difficult for a congregation such as ours to have a young adult group of unmarried young men and women whose parents are members of the congregation, does not relieve us of the responsibility of attempting to achieve such a group. We did try this recently but without success. However, I believe that you will agree with me that we would be remiss in our responsibility to persons of all ages in the families of our congregation if we did not include, among our objectives for the future, the creation of an organization of young folks of approximately college age who can turn to the synagogue for spiritual and social association as well as for developing friendships which can lead to many years of subsequent happiness. I set this forth now as one of our goals, as one of our bits of unfinished business. I hope that a further application to this problem in the immedi-

ate years to come will yield us better results than in the past. Perhaps here, too, I am doing a bit of hoping. Our successful teenage program, which has been in operation for a few years, might provide the base that we are looking for in the creation of an effective college youth and young adult program.

Cultural and Social Program

I would like to set forth one more objective, in a sense relatively secondary, but I feel that it is a worthy goal for us to attempt to attain. I refer to cultural and social activities for the congregation as a whole in order to make a more rounded congregation. I refer particularly to a cultural need for an annual festive occasion in the form of a dinner-dance; a drama group in our congregation; a choral group that would be part of Park Avenue Synagogue—the kind of activities that help knit together people and families into a well functioning synagogue. I am aware that we do have a number of events and a number of parties, and I know that many of us have our own personal social lives and personal cultural interests. Nevertheless, it is my feeling that, as a synagogue, we ought to strive toward having, at least once a year, a major social event for the entire congregation sponsored by the congregation and of course we ought to strive for the development of additional cultural programs in which some of our members have a real interest. Here I should note two important cultural developments of which we should be very proud: The creation of the Art show, which has now completed its second round this year by the Mr. and Mrs. Club, is a significant addition to the cultural life of our congregation. The other major religious and cultural achievements of our congregation lie in the field of our annual service of new liturgical music whose creator is our Hazzan Puterman. This latter program, a distinct service which we have performed for the entire Jewish community, has made its mark on Jewish liturgical music and upon many synagogues throughout the entire nation.

Now, having reviewed at length what we have accomplished these past few years and what we still have ahead of us, let me, if you will, tip my hat to the Arms of the congregation and to those who have made possible some of these accomplishments.

Sisterhood—Here we report that under the leadership of the vigorous and charming Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, the ex-

cellent reputation of Sisterhood has been maintained during the past year. The \$13,000 contribution of Sisterhood to the Parish House, to which I referred previously was a most dramatic contribution. All the other activities of the Sisterhood went along their normal, regular, successful, well-organized pattern. Their meetings were well attended; their functions were well planned and, of course, their Bazaar was the colossal success it always has been. Naturally the annual brunch and theatre party was the signal event we expected it to be. Yet we should not take things so casually or take them for granted. What we say easily or readily in a few words represents hours and hours of planning and hard work by a devoted and efficient Sisterhood.

Men's Club—to which I referred earlier in terms of the *Daily Minyan*. A new quality, I believe, has come into the Men's Club life, and that is something from which the congregation as a whole is going to continue to reap benefits. Harry A. Dubin, who was the president of the Men's Club these past two years, has given that organization a drive and inspiration which often makes the difference between being an official of an organization or, as Harry was, a leader of an organization. I know from personal experience what it means to be a Men's Club leader and how difficult that can sometimes be. During this past year, the Men's Club has actually contributed \$7,800 to the synagogue which represents the balance due on a previous pledge, a contribution to the new Parish House Fund. Men's Club has become more sensitized to synagogue attitudes, and has integrated itself with synagogue policies and functions. In this spirit, the Club has concluded its activities and, with renewed dedication, anticipates the next year.

Parents Association—Mrs. Jack Kurzweil as president of the Parents Association has helped continue the high standards to which we always look forward in the work of the Parents Association. It is so often that this arm of the synagogue is the first step many of our new members take, and we are fortunate to have a Parents Association that is as devoted as ours to carrying out the aims and objectives of Park Avenue Synagogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Club—I take this occasion to thank its president, Dr. Julius Leichtling, who found the time to help mature the Mr. and Mrs. Club.

Now a few comments about our committees and their chairmen since it would be unfair to omit some of the hardest working people of our congregation on an evening such as this.

Adult Education—Col. Irvin Waldman, as chairman and a newcomer in this area, has done very well indeed. I did indicate earlier in this report how pleased we all were about the developments of our Adult Education program this year. No small share of the credit belongs to Colonel Waldman.

Arts and Decorations—Mrs. Samuel Lemberg has continued on the high level of work that this Committee has always represented; the beautification of our synagogue, the sanctuary, our various meeting rooms and classrooms, the purchase of new pulpit chairs, and the general high regard for the beauty of our buildings.

Cemetery Committee—With Saul Godwin as chairman and Joseph Mandelbaum as co-chairman, this committee has established itself as a committee of real importance in the congregation. Everything this committee has done was new, since we have never had this kind of operating cemetery in our congregation. Of course, those of us who know Saul and Joe know that what they undertake they do very well indeed, but we would like to reaffirm it publicly here tonight.

Committee on Conservative Judaism—Israel B. Oseas has given this committee the benefit of his keen analytic mind and thorough research based upon a knowledge of Judaism and the Conservative movement. It is fair to say that this committee, strongly upheld and supported by the entire Board of Trustees, has helped or at least has striven diligently to help the United Synagogue of America in clarifying effectively and intelligently the ideology of the Conservative movement as a whole.

House Committee—Julian Jacobs represents a fortunate choice for this most important work. It is no simple task to undertake the responsibility of the House Committee chairmanship. It involves not only a responsibility for expenditures, but also collateral responsibility for some of our personnel. If I say nothing else about Julian's success as the chairman of this committee, I will say one special thing. His sharp eye, his business experience, and his readiness to speak his mind—with which we are all so familiar—stood us in very good stead as House Committee chairman. He has really saved the synagogue money, and that is no small achievement.



Scene in Cohen Library at the dedication in November, 1957: Mrs. Hilde Kisch, librarian, and two of our synagogue students, Jeffrey Sokolow and Nancy Schweitzer.

Library Committee—Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer has given this work very careful, diligent attention. We are all proud of the kind of cultural achievement that the Cohen Library of the PAS continues to represent. What is more, the number of people who use the Cohen Library is increasing daily. We now have 571 library members, adults as well as children, and the library shelves are gradually being filled to capacity. As of April 15, 1961, 940 books were lent and 1225 persons attended and used the library. Quite an achievement!

Law Committee—So many phases of our synagogue life require expert legal opinion, and we are fortunate indeed to have the talented services of Asa D. Sokolow as chairman of this committee. He was invaluable in our purchase of the cemetery and the purchase of the Parish House. Even where he gives advice with which understandably on occasion some trustees may not completely agree, we always defer to his judgment because of its objectivity and wisdom.

Planning Committee—Milton M. Sivek, as chairman of this committee is constantly engaged in taking responsibility for one phase or another of our synagogue functions. It is no simple task, and it is a year round continuing responsibility. The Planning Committee has been diligent in its attention to all functions throughout the year, and we have

been fortunate that so many of the events, which come under the general jurisdiction of the Planning Committee of our congregation, have had such an excellent person as chairman.

Gifts, Wills and Bequests—Judge Maxwell Shapiro, as chairman, does credit to the congregation in skillfully chairing the committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests. Once the membership is fully aware of its significant aims, Judge Shapiro's committee will produce results of which all of us will be proud.

Starting at the very beginning of the year, Mrs. Irma Heller did her regularly wonderful job as decorator of the *Sukkah*. This was closely followed by a splendid party during *Simhat Torah* when we honored three of our congregants. The chairman of that party was our charming Mrs. Edna Altman.

Our late Friday evening services, where yeoman work was done throughout the year beginning early in November, were handled very ably by Mrs. Helen Hahn, diligent, loyal and devoted to the task of making the tea and cookies at the *Gnag Shabbat*, pleasant after-service events.

Our New Members Party, which Mrs. Letty Osserman chaired, had the same high standards as these parties have had year after year. This was a very successful event for our new congregants.

The *Hanukkah* Party in December was under the able chairmanship of Mrs.

Ethel Altshul and a very pleasant time was had by all.

At Purim time. Mrs. Adolf Stangel brought her talents and charm into play and, as a result, we had a most enjoyable and gay evening at the synagogue.

Our *Seder*, beautiful as ever, with a dignity that helps to make our *Seder* an annual outstanding success, was chaired this year by a gracious lady, Mrs. Albert A. List. All who had the opportunity to attend realized how fortunate they were to be able to obtain reservations.

At the Oneg Shabbat after the service devoted to New Liturgical Music, Mrs. Ethel Boneparth supervised the serving of tea and cookies.

Mrs. Doris Rome: many thanks for tonight's reception which will follow our meeting!

Religious School Board—Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel continued as chairman of the School Board, and we are proud of its accomplishments which include the achievement of the Milton Steinberg High School for Jewish Studies. Our Religious School continues to rank with the best in the nation. We are pleased and delighted, as the years roll by, with the results of the school and of our youngsters.

Membership Committee—Harry Halbren as chairman of the Membership Committee, continues to produce the marvelous results with which we are all so familiar. Very significant interviews are conducted by the committee with all persons who wish to join the synagogue. By the time people join, they not only know a few of the Trustees, but they also experience a preview of our synagogue life. We thank this committee for aiding the integration of our new members and for the substantial contributions which many of the new congregants are making to the finances of our synagogue.

Seminary Committee—Mr. Reuben R. Kaufman and Mr. Isidore M. Cohen as chairman and co-chairman of this committee respectively have begun to help solidify our relations with the Jewish Theological Seminary and with the United Synagogue of America. We will hear much about the work of this committee in years to come. Both are devoted members of our congregation and loyal supporters of the Conservative Movement.

Ritual Committee—It is always a pleasure to talk about the Ritual Committee and its chairman, *Archie Thur-*

man, who has been such a strong and solid part of the foundation of our congregation. The Ritual Committee has made its major contribution during the past twelve months on a matter referred to earlier this evening, *Aliyot* for women. In a number of other instances, it continues to serve our congregation on important day-to-day matters which are so often referred to it.

United Jewish Appeal and Federation Committees—Dr. Harold Osserman and David Picket, chairmen of these committees, have helped assure the maximum commitment consistent with each individual's abilities to aid in discharging our responsibility to the UJA and Federation.

Ushering and Hospitality Committee—David Altschul, as chairman of this committee, has done a fine job in assisting our congregation in maintaining the kind of decorum that we regard so important at all our major events in the synagogue.

Youth Activities Committee—Mrs. Herman Helpen has continued to render invaluable service to the Youth Committee ever since it was started. The Youth Committee suffers from the prominence of success, a good kind of problem to have. We are proud of the work being done by this phase of our program.

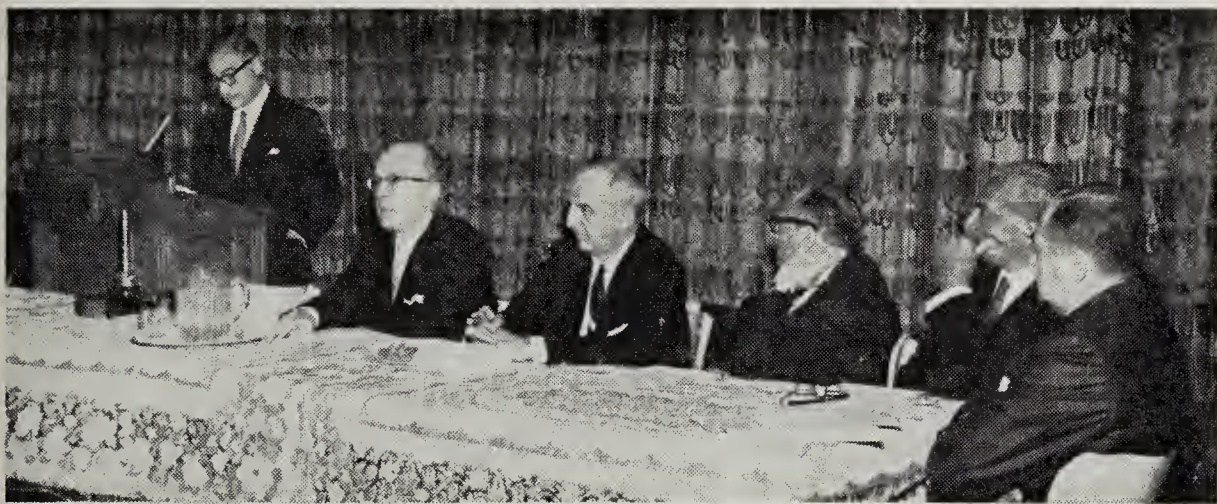
Summer Services—We are fortunate to have developed a fine pattern of Sabbath services during the summer months. For this, I want to record that we are particularly thankful to Solomon E. Green, a vice-president of our synagogue, who goes through much trouble to attend, and who helps lead the services during the summer with our kindly associate, Cantor Friedman.

Religious School Scholarship Fund—Mrs. Ezra Cohen has brought her professional background and skill into the very effective use of the Religious School Scholarship Fund. It always comes as a surprise to some people, and I think it is worth restating this evening, that in our congregation there are a number of children year after year who, for financial reasons, are unable to take care of their tuition. Our congregation is happy to be in a position to offer part and full scholarships to them.

Finance Committee—Here are some basic figures with respect to the financial standing of your synagogue: A new high was achieved in actual receipts in our 1960 fiscal year which amounted to \$236,978.00 as compared to \$213,024.00 in the previous fiscal year. The disbursements likewise for this year reached a new high in the sum of \$222,454.00 and



Youth Activities Group: From left to right, Simeon Grater, delegate of Inter-club Council; Jonathan Stowe, delegate of Inter-club Council; Donald Bachman, president of USY, Senior Group; Susan Carr, delegate of Inter-club Council; Jeff Mehlman, president of USY Council; Standing left to right: Stanley Kurzweil, president of USY KADIMAH; Irving Goldberg, Youth Director; Bob Leifert, chairman of KINUS Committee.



Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of Board of Trustees, giving his annual report. Seated from left to right: Rabbi Judah Nadich, Saul Godwin, Milton M. Sivek, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Sidney R. Katz.

we have therefore been operating on a surplus of approximately \$14,524.00. For the current year which will end on August 31, 1961, we have estimated a conservative surplus of approximately \$5,000.00. It has been the good fortune of our congregation to have as the chairman of its Finance Committee one of the most strongly devoted and hard-working members of this entire synagogue. *Mr. Benjamin Sack*. There is nothing that Ben Sack does that he takes lightly, least of all the chairmanship of the Finance Committee. With his committees, he labors with great pains to assure a carefully considered budget both of income and outgo so that, in the operations of our synagogue through our twelve month period, we can move with a degree of certainty about the programs we wish to undertake. The literally hundreds of families who have benefited by the work of this congregation have much to be thankful for in the kind of leadership we have received through Benjamin Sack through the years. His chairmanship of the Finance Committee remains one of the most distinctive acts of continuing wisdom on the part of a distinguished leader of our congregation.

I cannot conclude this report without some comment about those members of our staff who have made it possible for this synagogue to function throughout the year. Without them, it would have been virtually impossible for us to carry on. I am thankful to all of them —

To: Mrs. Rhea Ruttenberg, who has successfully continued to edit the Synagogue Bulletin and who has fashioned it into a professional publication. Martin Leichtling, our very talented and devoted School Principal.

Harold Glasser, our synagogue Ritual assistant and director of Ushering.

Irving Goldberg, our dedicated director of Youth Activities.

Mrs. Hilde Kisch, our knowledgeable and cooperative librarian.

Last but not least, to *Sidney R. Katz*, our executive director, with whom I have been in daily communication and with whom I have held innumerable conferences throughout the year so that we may help carry out the policies of the Board of Trustees and without whose assistance and cooperation it would be impossible to solve the numerous problems that beset us. To all of these dedicated people, I give thanks for their generous contributions to the good cause of Park Avenue Synagogue.

I am, of course, grateful to our vice-chairman, *Saul Godwin*, for all his committee assignments and for his substitution in my absence in conducting the meetings of our Board.

I am grateful to *Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer*, our first vice-president, for his dedicated interest and assistance throughout the year in answering our call at all times. And I am deeply grateful to our beloved president, *Jacob Klein*, who again this past year has continued to carry on his duties on and off the pulpit in a manner of which we are all proud.

High Holy Days—I want to say just a final word about the forthcoming High Holy Days, particularly one phase of the services. For a few years, our synagogue had been fortunate in having as an associate rabbi for the High Holy Days, Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum, who is now chairman of the Department of Religious Activities of the American Jewish Committee. However, as many of our con-

gregants know, Rabbi Tannenbaum's health and strength, as a result of a sudden illness more than a year ago, was not adequately restored to him. I understand that he has now recovered and all of us, of course, wish him well.

I report now that we are fortunate in obtaining the services of a new associate rabbi who will serve us during the High Holy Days. I refer to Rabbi Isaac Toubin, who is currently the executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education and who, prior to that, had been executive director of the American Jewish Congress. I am certain Rabbi Nadich, who helped us make this selection, is as gratified as we are in the choice that we have made, and I know that our congregants will be pleased to hear Rabbi Toubin, who, incidentally, performed a similar service for a distinguished congregation in New England over many years.

Now may I ask those whose names I will call to rise and acknowledge their applause, in order of their appearance in this report:

Rabbi Judah Nadich, Hazzan David J. Putterman, Hazzan Abraham Friedman, Mrs. Vivian Finkel, Dr. Aaron Giat, Mrs. Irwin Rome, Harry A. Dubin, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Dr. Julius J. Leichtling, Col. Irvin Waldman, Mrs. Samuel Lemberg, Saul Godwin, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Israel B. Oseas, Judge Maxwell Shapiro, Julian Jacobs, Asa D. Sokolow.

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Milton M. Sivek, Mrs. Irma Heller, Mrs. Edna Altman, Mrs. Helen Hahn, Mrs. Letty Osserman, Mrs. Ethel Altschul, Mrs. Albert A. List, Mrs. Adolf Stangel, Mrs. Ethel Boneparth, Mrs. Irwin Rome, Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, Harry Halbren, Archie Thurman, Reuben R. Kaufman, Isidore M. Cohen, Mrs. Ezra Cohen.

David Altschul, Dr. Harold Osserman, David Pickett, Mrs. Herman G. Helpert, Benjamin Sack, Solomon Green, Rhea Ruttenberg, Martin Leichtling, Harold Glasser, Irving Goldberg, Hilde Kisch, Sidney R. Katz, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Jacob Klein.

In conclusion, I recall the words of the Psalmist:

"O Lord, I love to abide in Thy house, The place where Thy glory dwells."

—Joseph Howard Katz
Chairman of Board of Trustees

Address by Jacob Klein Upon His Induction



Rabbi Judah Nadich (right) shown inducting Jacob Klein into office as president. Seated from left to right: Solomon E. Green, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Hazzan David J. Putterman.

My Friends:

I shall have to pray God to forgive Rabbi Nadich for his exaggerations and to forgive me for having enjoyed them. However, a pound of taffy now is worth tons of epitaph later, when your cars are closed and you can't hear. I want to thank you for having elected me as your president for the tenth consecutive term. I would also say *Dayenu*.

I am, indeed, pleased to see so many of our congregants present this evening, and I shall be very happy later to meet them in person. There is a saying that absence makes the heart grow fonder and, if that be the case, a great many of our members must love the synagogue. Do you want to make me happy? Do you want to make our wonderful Rabbi, Cantors and pulpit officials happy? It would be a joy to greet you at Friday night, Saturday morning and daily services oftener—at every service if possible—and, if that is not possible, as often as you can. We say daily in our prayers, "Behold, the Guardian of Israel neither slumbereth nor sleepeth." He doesn't even take time off to play a round of golf. But we would not restrict you. By all means, play golf if that is your pleasure—but do not give up going to the synagogue, or playing golf. I am sure you can enjoy both.

I do hope you listened carefully to the wonderful report of Joseph Howard Katz, the chairman of the Board, who listed the personal services he has performed during the year and, at the same time, listed the personal services, in condensed form, of the various chairmen of our subsidiary organizations and committees. Ladies and gentlemen, you simply cannot visualize the stupendous job that our chairman performs, nor those that the various officers, members

of the Board, the chairmen and members of the committees perform. I know personally that the chairman of the Board has not given a complete list of his personal activities so I am going to tell you what he does in addition to what he has told you. He is at the synagogue two or three times each week; he is in daily contact with the executive director and, very frequently during the week, with Rabbi Nadich as well as with other officials. As busy a man as he is at his office, he finds time not only to perform the wonderful services for Park Avenue Synagogue, but also to attend services in the synagogue. That is where I find not only most of the members of the Board as well as the members of the congregation shirk their duties! I feel that loyalty to the congregation demands frequent attendance at services. That congregation is strongest, where each member performs some services for its benefit. When you rest, you rust!

Now I would like to tell you a story. A young, handsome diplomat was invited to a banquet, where the topics to be discussed were art, literature, culture and painting. He was introduced to a lovely lady and thought to himself that here was a beautiful girl with whom he could enjoy intelligently discussing almost any subject. However, after talking with her for ten minutes, he found that he was talking in a vacuum. And then he said to her, "My charming princess, is it my person, or the topics I am discussing in which you do not seem to be interested?"

She then replied, "It's your topic."

"Well, tell me, my lovely lady," he questioned, "what topic or subject would you like me to discuss?"

"Love," she said, "I understand that best."

May I take a few minutes more of your time to discuss love. I mean love of your fellow man. Two and three times a day, the Jew recites the *Shema* and repeats "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might." You certainly can't throw your arms around God and love Him as you do an ordinary person. But your love for Him, as Rabbi Nadich has often expressed from the pulpit not only to his congregants, but to his *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* children, can be expressed only in terms of kindness, graciousness, humbleness and consideration for your fellow man. It must

be to everyone—to Jew, Gentile, whether he be white or black.

I think I have at one time or another quoted lines I once read in the Bulletin of the New York Board of Rabbis; "A religion of service is far more important than a religion of services." I add, however, that we cannot observe only one of these duties—they must be both; together they are like a rock of Gibraltar in a man's life.

You know I can never be lost because everyone tells me where I can go, and so I want to make this observation, which I hope my Rabbi will not think either impertinent or lacking in *Derekh Eretz*. I would like our rabbi to consult with seminary officials and formulate a prayer of remembrance for the 6,000,000 Jews whose lives were snuffed out in the Hitler holocaust just as scripture tells us: *Zekher et asher asah lekha Amalek . . . Timheh et Zekher Amalek—Yemakh shemo vezikhro*. Remember what Amalek did to you, destroy the memory of Amalek—blot out his name and all remembrance of him. I would say that our prayer should be: Remember what Hitler did the Jewish people, 6,000,000 of them, and blot out his name and all memory of him.

Good reason did the Jewish people have to cry out "*Eli, Eli, lamah azavtanu*." "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken us." We have been down many times, but we are not out.

When the Jews left Egypt, the Bible says that they left "*beyad ramah*", with dignity. Despite all the persecutions, we still are the Chosen People, and have risen to new heights, as the *Bar Mitzvah* celebration of Israel indicates. My answer and my prayer is *Veahavta Lereakha Kamokha*. Love thy neighbor as thyself.

Lovingly and devotedly,
Your President, Jacob Klein

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shavuot Service — Confirmation
Sunday, May 21 (first day) 9:30 a.m.
Monday, May 22 (second day)
9:30 a.m.
Shavuot Service
Yizkor Memorial Service

Ceremonial and Gift Shop

Prayer Books — Bibles — Talletim
Mezuzahs — Candle Holders
Hallah Trays — Spice Boxes
Phone: Irma Heller, Chairman of Gift Shop
(AT 9-5500)

Parents Association Teachers Recognition Day - May 23 - 8:30 P. M.

On Tuesday evening, May 23, Parents Association will hold its final meeting of the season at 8:30 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. All members of the synagogue, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend Teachers Recognition Day and to join in honoring the teachers of our Religious School.

Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, president of the Parents Association, will review the activities that have taken place during the year. These include the Holiday Workshops, the educational programs, the popular Hebrew courses sponsored by the Parents Association and the Adult Education Committee, and the part played by the class mothers in arranging school parties and holiday celebrations for the children.

Mrs. Albert Cornell, chairman of the Nominating Committee, will present the slate of officers and members of the Executive Board to be elected for the coming year. Following this, Rabbi Nadich will install the newly elected members.

Rabbi Nadich will speak in tribute to the teachers of the Religious School as will Mr. Martin Leichtling, the principal, who will introduce each member of the faculty to the audience.

Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, chairman of Program, has arranged for the presentation of an original dramatic pageant, "The Essence of Freedom", to be enacted by members of our Youth Activities Group. Through original narration, interpretive dancing, the poetry of Hayyim Nahman Bialik and an Eternal Light Script about the Warsaw Ghetto, the group will present a pageant of freedom portraying the hopes of the Jewish people for independence.

The production has been arranged by our senior USY club adviser, Mr. Bernice Green, assisted by the following members: Rosanne Alberts, Susan Carr, Lois Finkel, Richard Hurtig, Stanley Kurzweil, Bob Leifert, Susan Mansly, Fav Mergrun, Richard Rubin, Irene Steiner and Jonathan Stowe.

At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments will be served under the supervision of Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, chairman of Hospitality and her committee.

All parents are urged to attend this meeting which promises to be an inspiring occasion—an opportunity to show our pride in our capable instructors.

—RMR

Religious School News

Registration of New Students In Hebrew Department

All children who will be nine years of age by April 1, 1962 must be registered in the Hebrew Department beginning September 1, 1961, if they are to meet the educational requirements set by Park Avenue Synagogue for *Bar Mitzvah* and *Bat Mitzvah* and for graduation from the Hebrew School.

The parents with the students in our Primary Department who will be enrolled in the Hebrew Department in September, 1961, visited Grade I of the Hebrew Department during the week beginning Monday, May 15. They had an opportunity to see the children studying Hebrew, history, and Bible under the guidance of their teacher, Mrs. Vivian Finkel.

Students Visit New Hebrew High School

On Sunday, May 14, 1961, the prospective graduates and confirmands of our Religious School visited the Milton Steinberg Central High School for Jewish Studies.

Our students met with the young people from B'nai Jeshurun and the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, all of whom will attend the new High School in September.

The afternoon meeting gave the students from the neighboring mid-Manhattan congregations who are sponsoring the Milton Steinberg Central High School, an opportunity to get to know each other. In addition, the principal of the new school Rabbi Paul Ritterband, described the curriculum that will be offered by the school in September.

After the meeting there was folk dancing, singing and a discussion of the aims and purposes of the school. The young people felt that they could look forward to a valuable educational experience in September.

For further particulars about the school program and enrollment for September 1961, please call EN 9-2600.

Closing Session

The Primary Department of the Religious School will hold its closing exercises on Sunday morning, May 28.

The program for the morning will be an end-of-term party and an assembly of the students. A film, "Holidays in Israel" will be shown.

Memorial Day

The Hebrew Department will conduct no classes on Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30, 1961.

—Martin Leichtling

Sisterhood Meeting

Officers Installed

Sisterhood's final meeting of the year held on Tuesday, May 16, was a fitting finale to a year of fine programs.

A delicious luncheon was served at this annual birthday party and installation of Officers and Board members. As is customary at the opening of all Sisterhood meetings, Mrs. Solomon E. Green, past president of Sisterhood and this year's chaplain, delivered the invocation. These brief ethical readings have been very inspirational and have been beautifully delivered.

Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, president of Sisterhood, gave her annual report of Sisterhood's accomplishments during the past year. Rabbi Judah Nadich did his usual excellent job of installing the officers and Executive Board members who had been presented for election at Sisterhood's annual evening meeting by Mrs. Milton Heller, secretary of the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Edward Peiper, one of the Sisterhood's past-presidents, delightfully entertained us with several songs.

CORRECTION

Through an error, the name of Mrs. Ben Boas was inadvertently omitted from the list of Executive Board members.

—Ethel B. Altschul

Men's Club Events

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be the annual Election-Dinner meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 24. In addition to the customary get-together for a convivial cocktail hour followed by the dinner, the presentation of the official slate, the election and installation of the officers and directors by Rabbi Nadich, there will be a special ceremony in connection with the observance of Men's Club *Bar Mitzvah* year.

Mr. Abraham Carmel, a former English priest, who has been converted to Judaism, will speak on "Why I am a Jew". He is the author of several books on this topic and a lecturer of repute.

The Men's Club Ladies Night of 1961 is now history—glorious history. The walls of the "Room Below", otherwise known as the Lemberg Auditorium, bulged with a capacity attendance. The committee under the inspired chairmanship of Mr. Albert Siegel, and his able co-chairman, Mr. Archie Richman, made the occasion one that will long be remembered for the painstaking care of every detail which made for an evening of sheer delight.

—Jacob W. Boorstein

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hartstein upon their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hochman upon the birth of a grandson, Kenneth Gary Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Kirsch upon the birth of a daughter, Jo Ellen, and Mrs. Mollie Greenberg upon the birth of a granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman S. Meltzer upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Irving Parnes upon their tenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving H. Shapiro upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Wallerstein upon their tenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel H. Usdan upon the birth of a son, Adam, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lemberg upon the birth of a grandson.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, May 57:36 p.m. E.D.T.
Friday, May 127:43 p.m. E.D.T.

25th Anniversary Of Zionist District

The Yorkville Zionist District No. 6, to which many of the members of Park Avenue Synagogue belong, and whose presidents have often been drawn from our ranks, will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding with a meeting at our synagogue on Thursday evening, May 25.

The occasion will also celebrate the thirteenth anniversary of the State of Israel. Rabbi Judah Nadich will address the meeting.

Congregational Meeting

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president is always there to extend a hand of friendship. May he carry on his fine work for many years to come!

Aliyot For Women

Mr. Asa Sokolow, chairman of the Law Committee, presented a motion in behalf of granting *Aliyot* to women. This was seconded by our president, Mr. Jacob Klein. After a discussion from the floor, a vote was taken which resulted in 97 votes for the motion; 16 against. Mr. Joseph Howard Katz said that he was gratified that the congregants had voted to put into effect this invaluable extension of democracy into Jewish life.

Confirmation

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Diplomas and Confirmation Certificates will be presented to the students by Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the School Board, and by Rabbi Nadich. Mrs. Siegel will give each of the students a gift from the Sisterhood. The girls will receive a Bible and the boys a copy of "The Legends of the Jews". As has been the custom in the past, an anonymous friend of the school is presenting each of the confirmands and graduates with a subscription to the Jewish Publication Society which will entitle them to select books of Jewish interest as they are published during the year.

The Youth Leadership Award, an annual award sponsored by the Men's Club in cooperation with the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, will be awarded by Mr. L. Chester Glaser. The sterling silver medal and certificate will be given to the student who has been outstanding in scholarship and character and who demonstrates "aptitude for leadership in Jewish life."

Rabbi Judah Nadich will deliver a message to the confirmands and graduates, and will pronounce the benediction.

At the close of the service, a reception in honor of all our students will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium. The reception tendered by Park Avenue Synagogue has been planned by Mrs. Jacob Oberman and Mrs. Norbert Acker, co-chairmen of Class Mothers with the assistance of the mothers of the students in Grade IV—our graduating class for the year 1962.

—Martin Leichtling

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, May 195:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, May 209:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Howard Schwartz
son of Mr. and Mrs. George Schwartz

Bar Mitzvah of Peter Frank Weinstock
son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Weinstock

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Saturday Evening, May 205:45 P.M.
Sunday Morning, May 219:30 A.M.

The Confirmation and Graduation Service

Sunday Evening, May 215:45 P.M.
Monday Morning, May 229:30 A.M.

The Yizkor memorial prayers will be read

Friday, Evening, May 265:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, May 279:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of John Marshall Leff
son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Leff

Bar Mitzvah of Robert Alan Nager
son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Nager

Friday Evening, June 25:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, June 39:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Robert Linn
son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Linn

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

Condolences

Mr. Abraham Gevirtz upon the death of his brother, Joseph Gevirtz.

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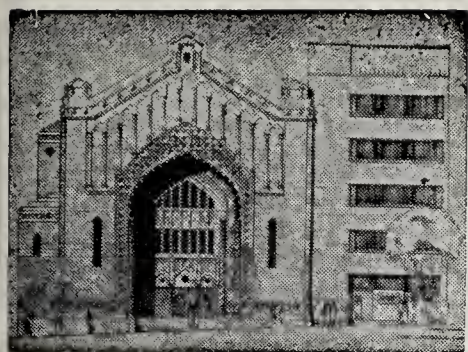
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Students Confirmed At Shavuot Service

The Graduation-Confirmation Service, one of the most beautiful services at the synagogue, took place on the first day of *Shavuot*. The religious service was conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan Abraham Friedman assisted by the synagogue choir with George Crook at the organ.

The following students were awarded diplomas as graduates from the Hebrew Department: Jonathan Altman, Carl Applebaum, Lionel Barasch, Lloyd Jay Bloom, Jill Boriss, Jeffrey Dell, Peter Goll, Sande Milton, Emile Pincus, Lenore Pressman, Jon M. Rosenblatt, Sanford Shapiro, Jonathan Towers.

Five of the students who were graduated after completing two years of study in our High School Department were: Steve Braun, Pauline Bukantz, Joan Hoexter, Jon Mills, Jonathan Stowe.

Certificates of Confirmation were granted to each of the following: Lloyd Bloom, Donald Boriss, Jan Cornell, Jeffrey Dell, Joan Fieber, Peter Goll, Barbara Levine, Sande Milton. Harriet Morits, Lenore Pressman, Jon M. Rosenblatt, Barbara Sherr, Therese Stern.

The members of the Graduation and Confirmation classes read from the Scriptures and gave explanations of the scriptural readings of Exodus XIX-XX and of the *Haftarah*. An inspiring feature of the service was the rendition by the confirmands of an abridged version of the cantata, "Our Bialik", by Ira and Judith Eisenstein. It was directed by our music instructor, Mrs. Leah Abrams.

Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the School Board, assisted by Rabbi Nadich, presented the confirmands with their diplomas. In behalf of the Sisterhood, each girl received a Bible and each boy a book, "The Legend of the Jews". A friend of the Religious School gave each confirmand a subscription to the Jewish Publication Society.

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, June 9 5:45 p.m.

Saturday morning, June 10 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Newman Granowitz
son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford M. Granowitz

Friday evening, June 16 5:45 p.m.

Saturday morning, June 17 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Richard Adler
son of Mrs. Ira Guilden and Mr. Sidney Adler

Friday evening, June 23 5:45 p.m.

Saturday morning, June 24 9:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Jill Darling Boriss
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold S. Boriss

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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From The Rabbi's Desk

In this last issue of the Bulletin before the summer vacation period, may I extend my best wishes to you for a healthful and reinvigorating holiday. I hope that the summer will be for you all an occasion for replenishing the reservoirs of your physical strength, but I hope, too, that it will furnish the occasion for the enrichment of your spiritual resources as well.

If you make use of the summer to catch up on your reading, a number of interesting books of Jewish content have appeared during the past year and the leisurely days of the summer provide a fine time to get at them.

Many of our members will be traveling in various parts of the world. Wherever you may be, make it your business to learn how members of the Jewish people live under varying circumstances in the far-flung communities of the world. Visit their synagogues, participate in the services, get a feeling of the oneness of the Jewish people the world over. Of course, those who will be visiting Israel this summer will have tremendous opportunity to imbibe learning and inspiration.

For those who will be at home, may I remind you that the synagogue does not shut its doors for the summer. Services continue for the Sabbath, every Friday at 5:45 p.m. and every Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. until July. During July and August they will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the air-conditioned Appleman Chapel. A brief service takes place in the chapel at 5:45 p.m. every day.

For yourself, the participation in the service will give you a sense of deep satisfaction, offering the kind of spiritual refreshment that nothing else can. At the end of a hot and tiring day during the summer, the half-hour prayer period will afford the time for quiet meditation

and calm reflection. For others, you will be rendering a great service in helping to maintain the daily *Minyan*. In addition to members of our own congregation and residents of the community, there are many strangers in New York during the summer, from other cities and other countries, some of whom are desirous of finding a daily service, either just to pray with fellow Jews or because they wish to recite the Mourner's *Kaddish*. Maintenance of a daily service is both a responsibility and a source of pride, and I invite each one of you who will be in the city this summer to share the responsibility and rejoice in the pride. Please attend the daily services as often as you can.

Both Hazzan Putterman and I can be reached during the summer months when needed, by telephoning the synagogue office. Someone should be answering the 'phone day and night.

In the meanwhile, once again, to all of you my best wishes for a healthful and delightful summer. "May God watch between us when we are separated one from another."

— Judah Nadich

Sabbath Services During The Summer

For the remainder of the month of June, Sabbath services will continue to be held in the Main Synagogue on each Friday at 5:45 p.m. and each Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Nadich preaches each Sabbath morning, and Hazzan David J. Putterman and the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ present the music of the Friday evening and Saturday morning services.

During July and August, the Friday evening service at 5:45 p.m. and the Saturday morning service with the time changed to 10:00 a.m. are held in the air conditioned Appleman Chapel. Hazzan Abraham Friedman officiates together with one or more of our lay leaders including such gentlemen as Mr. Jacob Klein, president of the congregation, and Mr. Solomon E. Green, a vice-president of the congregation.

All of our members and friends who will be in New York during the summer are cordially invited to attend these Sabbath services. In addition to our own people, they will frequently find tourists from all parts of the country and, indeed, from many foreign parts of the world.

Members Will Receive High Holy Day Tickets And Dues Bill In June

Mr. Harry Halbren, chairman of the Membership Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue, has announced that, in accordance with our customary procedure, membership bills and tickets for the forthcoming High Holy Days will be mailed directly following the *Shavuot* holiday. This year the High Holy Days occur on September 11 and 12 (*Rosh Hashanah*) and September 20 (*Yom Kippur*).

Mr. Sidney R. Katz, executive director, will send bills and tickets to all congregants whose accounts are in order and whose dues have been paid for the current fiscal year.

No Seating Changes Until August

New members of the congregation who have joined this year and who have not yet received their seating assignments, will not be given seats until the latter part of the summer.

Mr. Halbren wishes to call the attention of our congregants to the following:

1. It will be next to impossible to find any additional seating on the main floor of the synagogue for the forthcoming fiscal year beginning September 1, 1961. Members of the congregation making requests for additional seating on the main floor are requested to bear in mind the very serious limitation that faces us. As of this writing, we stand committed to find seating for persons who joined our congregation last year and for whom we have not yet been able to assign regular seats for the High Holy Days.
2. Friends or relatives of congregants or some of our new neighbors wishing to join the Park Avenue Synagogue, while very welcome, will also find it next to impossible to obtain seating on the main floor of the synagogue.
3. Seating in the mezzanine section of the synagogue, as well as in the balcony directly in back of it, may become available, although here, too, in very limited number.
4. There will be some seats, though not many, available in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Mr. Halbren urges congregants, when making their requests of the executive director, to bear in mind the above limitations.

— S.R.K.

Men's Club News

L. Chester Glaser Named President

The Men's Club ended the season with an Election-Dinner Meeting on May 24 in a blaze of glory. The celebration was three-fold: in addition to the election of the officers and directors, the club celebrated its own *Bar Mitzvah* as well as that of the State of Israel. An overflow attendance enjoyed the festivities—the cocktail hour, the get-to-gether, the dinner, the formalities of the election and induction, the presentation of gifts to Mr. Julian Jacobs and to Mr. Harry A. Dubin. When the traditional citation was presented to Harry, as retiring president, his reply was most touching.

The *Bar Mitzvah* of the club was observed by a candle lighting ceremony in which eight candles were lit by members who represented the various activities of the Men's Club. This was followed by the speech of the incoming president, Mr. L. Chester Glaser, who spoke with hope and promise for his new regime.

Finally, the audience heard a truly inspiring speech by Mr. Abraham I. Carmel, a former Catholic priest, who has been converted to Judaism. Born in England in 1911, Mr. Carmel was ordained a priest of the Catholic Church in 1943. Soon came doubts concerning the validity of the Catholic sacraments. The studies of the writings of Chief Rabbi Hertz and of Professor Joseph Klausner eventually led him to Judaism. This resulted only after Mr. Carmel had investigated the teachings of Buddhism, Mohammedanism and Christian Science. Mr. Carmel, who is now in America to study comparative systems of education, was received enthusiastically.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

"Memo" Wins Prize

A highlight of the Election-Dinner Meeting on May 24 was the presentation of an award to Mr. Jacob W. Boorstein, editor of the "Memo", which won first prize in competition with 350 publications by Men's Clubs in the United States, Canada, Mexico and many other countries. The prize, a beautiful marble and bronze arch and torch surmounted by the *Magen David*, was presented to Mr. Boorstein by Mr. Charles Bennet, president of the New York Metropolitan Region of the Federation of Men's Clubs.

Park Avenue Synagogue congratulates Mr. Boorstein upon this fine achievement.

Parents Association Gives Surprise Party In Honor Of Ruth Kurzweil And Sylvia Deutsch



Scene at party in honor of Mrs. Jack Kurzweil and Mrs. Sam Deutsch.

Seated from left to right: Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Jack Kurzweil, Ruth Kurzweil, Hazzan David J. Putterman, Vickie Wimpfheimer, Rabbi Judah Nadich, Hazzan Abraham Friedman, Sylvia Deutsch and Sam Deutsch.

On the evening of May 9, the members of the Executive Board of the Parents Association gave a surprise party in honor of Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, who is retiring as president, and Mrs. Sam Deutsch, who is retiring as chairman of the Board.

In her remarks as chairman of the party, Mrs. Stangel pointed out how the group had grown over the years. The steady progress and harmonious closeness inculcated by its past presidents, Mrs. Herman Helpert and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, had been continued under the presidency of Mrs. Kurzweil. To Mrs. Deutsch goes the credit for having conducted the meetings of the Board for the past five years in a dignified and well-organized manner.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Adolf Stangel, the Lemberg Auditorium was transformed into a bower of glittering musical notes, artistically designed by Mrs. Stangel to symbolize the harmony which the Parents group pride themselves upon having maintained through the years. In this charming setting, hus-

bands and wives gathered to drink a toast to the guests of honor.

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, mistress of ceremonies, introduced Rabbi Judah Nadich, who paid tribute to the guests of honor and complimented the Parents Organization upon its fine leadership and achievements as did Hazzan David J. Putterman, who said that he was particularly impressed by the musical theme and its significance. Mr. Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School, outlined the important part the group had played in acting as liaison between the school and the parents, and the splendid cooperation on the part of Mrs. Kurzweil and Mrs. Deutsch.

Mrs. Kurzweil and Mrs. Deutsch each were presented with a beautifully inscribed plaque and with a gold charm set with pearls in appreciation of their outstanding service. Everyone agreed that the affair had been one of the gayest and most delightful ever held at the synagogue, thanks to our talented chairman, Regina Stangel.

— RMR

Compassion And The Mosaic Law

The strongest impulse in the character of Moses appears to have been that of protective justice, particularly with regard to the helpless and downtrodden classes. The laws of Moses are a perfect phenomenon; an exception to the laws of either ancient or modern nations in

the care they exercised over women, widows, orphans, paupers, foreigners, servants and dumb animals. There is a plaintive, pathetic spirit of compassion in the very language which must have been learned only of superhuman tenderness.

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Sisterhood News

Mrs. Max Zahler Named President

Mrs. Max Zahler, the newly-elected president of Sisterhood, joins the officers and members of the Executive Board in extending to all the members of Sisterhood and their families best wishes for a very pleasant, happy and healthful summer. Sisterhood looks forward to greeting them in the fall at its first open meeting which will be held in September. Watch the Bulletin for the date.

"Kean" Chosen For Theater Party

Sisterhood is happy to announce that its annual Brunch-Theater party will take place on November 29, 1961. "Kean", a romantic musical, has been chosen as the play for this anticipated event. Please save the date and plan to join Sisterhood on this gala occasion.

— Ethel B. Altschul

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Pertinent Facts About Sharon Gardens

On May 22 of last year, the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery purchased by Park Avenue Synagogue was formally consecrated at a special service conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman.

Within the span of a year, deeds to affirm burial rights have been issued to eighteen families in our synagogue who have obtained plots ranging in size from four to six, eight, or twelve graves. Special rules and regulations to govern burial rights have been prepared by the Cemetery Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Saul Godwin and Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum, co-chairman. Carefully scrutinized by the Ritual Committee with Mr. Archie Thurman as chairman and by the Law Committee headed by Mr. Asa D. Sokolow, these rules were unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees. These regulations insure that Sharon Gardens will always be maintained as one of New York's finest, most modern Jewish cemeteries.

A financial summary presented at a recent Board of Trustees meeting by Mr. Godwin indicated that on February, 1961, the total contributions received for burial rights amounted to \$21,530.00. After disbursements, the net amount left in the cemetery account now totals \$1378.00.

A phone call to Mr. Sidney R. Katz, executive director of the synagogue (En. 9-2600) will give you full details about Sharon Gardens.

Hebrew Speaking Circle

The Hebrew Speaking Circle of Park Avenue Synagogue held its final meeting of the season on May 11. The activities of the group were reviewed, and the members agreed that they had made considerable progress in speaking Hebrew.

The original plan of speaking Hebrew throughout the evening prevailed during the initial conversational period. During the second part of the session, members read a current Israeli newspaper and then translated the various articles. This, of course, was difficult but rewarding.

Plans are now being formulated for next year's program, and an invitation is again extended to all members of the congregation to join the circle.

— Alexander Richman

Mr. And Mrs. Club News

Dr. Wimpfheimer Inducts Andrew Fier Into Office As President

At a recent meeting, the Mr. and Mrs. Club was fortunate to have Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, esteemed first vice-president of the synagogue, install the newly elected officers and members of the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board. Andrew L. Fier was elected president; A. Stanley Robinson, vice-president; Joseph Lehman, recording secretary; Dr. Mattis Fern, corresponding secretary; Lewis Lehr, treasurer. Seated with Dr. Wimpfheimer on the dais were: Dr. Julius J. Leichtling, out-going president; Mr. Daniel Rotto and Mr. Sidney R. Katz. Following the installation, brunch was served.

It is both fitting and proper at this time to pay tribute to the outgoing officers who gave their time and energy to revitalize the club. To Dr. Julius J. Leichtling, Dr. Herbert M. Felner, Mr. Mortimer Brandt, Mr. Andrew L. Fier, Mr. A. Stanley Robinson and Mr. Daniel Rotto, we are indebted and grateful. The new officers have pledged to do all in their power to follow the examples so ably set by their predecessors and, by their leadership, to strengthen further the activities and goals of the club. It is their hope that the Mr. and Mrs. Club will become a distinctive part of Park Avenue Synagogue.

A full calendar of events which should prove of interest to all is now being planned. The club would like to take this opportunity to invite the members of our congregation to join this integral arm of the synagogue.

— Mattis Fern

Clothing Collected For Bayit Lepletot

The project of helping the Bayit Lepletot Orphan and Refugee Girls' Home in Israel, to which we referred in a previous Bulletin, has begun and very soon the home will be the recipient of clothing for girls from the toddler stage to eighteen years of age.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Bruno Foa, the clothing has been collected and will be professionally packed and shipped to Jerusalem. Several items made by the ladies of the Sewing Group have been donated to the worthy cause of helping these youngsters who are in desperate need of clothing and shoes.

Mrs. Nadich First Lady To Receive An Aliyah

It was fitting, indeed, that the first lady to receive an *Aliyah* should be the wife of our rabbi, Mrs. Judah Nadich. On the second day of *Shavuot*, May 22, Mrs. Nadich was called to the pulpit to recite the Torah blessings in Hebrew. Mrs. Nadich, who speaks Hebrew fluently, graced the pulpit with her presence and inaugurated the recent decision of the congregation to grant *Aliyot* to women by accepting the honor of *Sh'lishi*.

A Note From The Editor

It seems but yesterday that we greeted you in September with our first Bulletin of the year—and now it is time to say good-bye until next fall.

During the year, our Bulletin has grown from its usual four pages to six, eight, ten and, in our May 16 issue, to twelve pages. We cannot, however, measure our growth merely by the number of pages. We hope that these pages have reflected the events of the synagogue and have kept you informed of its activities—religious, civic and social. We hope that our articles have been sufficiently readable, interesting and eye-appealing to have resulted in your having read every issue. Our aim was never the already over-laden waste paper basket! The Bulletin has travelled far and has brought news of Park Avenue Synagogue to distant parts of the country, and we are happy to say that we have made many new friends.

And now my personal thanks to the representatives of the various arms of the synagogue for meeting that dreaded "deadline"; to Rabbi Judah Nadich for his fine articles of religious content and interest; to Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, for his continuous encouragement; to Mr. Sidney R. Katz, our executive director, for his excellent suggestions and timely news items; and to Miss Rivia Lea Shapiro for her valuable help in proof reading.

Have a fine summer. The next issue of the Bulletin will be dated September 5, 1961 and will bring you complete details about the High Holy Day services as well as news gleaned over the summer months.

— Rhea M. Ruttenberg

Religious School News

Closing Session

The Hebrew Department of the Religious School will hold its closing session on Thursday, June 15, 1961.

Report cards and class assignments for the school year beginning September, 1961, will be mailed to the parents before June 30.

Registration

The Religious School is now accepting applications for admission of *new* students for the school year beginning September 1961.

All children who will have reached their ninth birthday by April 1, 1962, must enroll in the three-day-a-week Hebrew Department beginning September 1961.

Students who are now attending our Primary Department and are qualified to be admitted to the three-day-a-week classes under this age ruling will be assigned to their classes by the office.

New students must register at the synagogue office which will be open from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the month of June.

Children of Non-Members Accepted

Members of the congregation are urged to advise their friends and relatives in the community that children of non-members may be enrolled in the school.

High School Registration

Students who wish to register for the Milton Steinberg Central High School of Jewish Studies may apply in the Religious School office.

The school will accept students who are graduates from our Religious School and will also offer courses for students of high school age who have little or no formal Jewish education.

— Martin Leichtling

Change Of Address

Members of the congregation are requested to notify the office promptly (telephone EN 9-2600) when a change of address has been made or is being contemplated.

Important communications regarding the High Holy Day services will be mailed to the members by the office during the summer months.

Rabbi Nadich Reviews Dr. Kaplan's Latest Book

The Jewish world congratulates Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan upon the happy occasion of his eightieth birthday on June 11, 1961, and rejoices in paying tribute to this great scholar. In honor of Dr. Kaplan's birthday, Rabbi Judah Nadich recently reviewed "The Greater Judaism in the Making", the new book by Dr. Kaplan. The review appeared in the Bulletin of the New York Board of Rabbis.

"This book", says Rabbi Nadich, "reflects the creativity of Dr. Kaplan's mind, the vitality and dynamism of his spirit and the intensity of his love for the Jewish people."

Rabbi Nadich points out that the current volume presents an evaluation of pre-Emancipation Judaism and medieval theology, the effects upon them of the modern cultural and political revolutions and the responses evoked by the latter in the four contemporary trends in Judaism: Reform, Orthodoxy, Conservatism and Zionism.

Accent On Youth

The press of exciting events has so obscured the rapid passage of time that our Youth Groups are reluctant to accept the close of the season's activities.

An evaluation of the year now seems in order, and perhaps the most appropriate statement on this score is an excerpt from the annual report of the Youth Department. It states in part: "The most significant accomplishment attained by the Program for Youth at Park Avenue Synagogue this year has been the development of and the involvement in synagogue life for our members. Although intangible, it can be discerned in the eagerness with which the group members have accepted their responsibilities: to dance at an *Oneg Shabbat* honoring Israel Independence Day; to perform for the Parents Association; to serve as hosts and hostesses at synagogue affairs; to attend committee meetings; to make Park Avenue Synagogue part of their every day vocabularies. These are just a few illustrations!"

The direction of this movement is so well defined and its spirit so robust and wholesome that the promise for an even finer tomorrow seems well within its power to attain.

— Irving Goldberg

We Take Pride In Our Members . . .

Mrs. I. M. Cohen, Women's Division Leader for a dinner-dance to benefit the scholarship fund of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation.

Dr. Milton Helpert on May 22, 1961 was named president-elect of the New York County Medical Society, to take office as president next year.

Dr. Jules Hirsch, a member of our synagogue, was one of the scientists who, in the Rockefeller Institute Report, challenged the current theory that fat is a major link to atherosclerosis and coronary artery disease.

Samuel Lemberg, a trustee of our synagogue, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Brandeis University. Mr. Lemberg is the sponsor of the university's Lemberg Scholarship Fund, a self-liquidating fund for needy students that is reimbursed by its recipients after graduation.

Mr. Joseph I. Lubin, an honorary trustee of our synagogue, who has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Pace College. Mr. Lubin is an honorary chairman of the Founders Society of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Mr. Morris E. Biederman, who was elected financial secretary of the Home for the Aged in Riverdale.

Mr. Joe Weinstein, one of our members, who was recently appointed treasurer of the Greater New York Committee for the State of Israel Bonds.

Haifa Institute Asks For Books

The Haifa Institute for Higher Learning, an institution of general schooling in Israel on a level comparable to high school and college here, is engaged in a program for building up its library. Books in the sciences and the humanities printed in English or other European languages would be most welcome. Books of Judaica and Hebraica in English or Hebrew printed in this country would also find eager acceptance.

Those who have books they would like to contribute for this important purpose may send them directly to the following address: Mr. S. Rosenheck, principal, Haifa Institute for Higher Learning, 20 Peretz Street, Haifa, Israel.

Welfare Fund Receives Letter From Japan

Among the many good deeds performed by our Welfare Fund during the year is the sponsorship of five gift subscriptions to *The Jewish Digest* for various Army camps. Following is a letter recently received from one of the recipients:

"Shalom from Japan!

"Thank you so much for your gift subscription to *The Jewish Digest*. Since we are so far from home, it is good to be remembered.

"The magazine is read and re-read by our Jewish personnel here at Itazuke Air Base. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, A. James Rudin,
Ch, Lt. Col., USAF"

The Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund welcomes contributions for its program of good deeds. You may wish to contribute in honor of some happy occasion, or in memory of some beloved departed. Your check may be made out to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund and sent to the office.

A Word Of Appreciation

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, chairman of the recent Sisterhood Bazaar, wishes to take this opportunity to express her appreciation to the many workers who helped make the Bazaar so successful: to those who donated the merchandise; to the ladies who worked so diligently in soliciting and collecting it; in marking the prices and displaying it so effectively in the booths; to those who acted as sales ladies; to those who were in charge of the delicious luncheon and dinner; to the office and maintenance staff. Without their help, the Bazaar could never have produced such fruitful results.

The Wisdom of the Rabbis

Once Rabbi Tarphon and the elders sat in the upper chamber of the house of Nitzah in Lydda, and the question was raised: "Is study greater, or doing?" Rabbi Tarphon said that doing was greater. Akiba said that study was greater. Then they all said that study was greater for it led to doing.

—Talmud *Kiddushin* 40b

Congratulations

Mrs. Sanford H. Cohen upon the birth of a grandson, Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Godwin upon the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to Dr. Richard Rabkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Hahn upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary and also upon the birth of a grand-daughter, Barbara.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfried Jacob upon the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynn, to Stuart Alan Levine.

Gen. Melvin L. Krulewitch upon his marriage to Mrs. Hellen Flick.

UJA Needs Your Help To Curb Mental Illness

The 1961 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal is one of the most challenging for it must accomplish two urgent goals.

First, through UJA's General Campaign, thousands of human beings must be moved to safety in democratic havens and thousands more trapped in danger areas must be given the help they need to survive.

In addition, the UJA's Women's Division has inaugurated a special drive this year to provide a solution for Israel's No. 1 health problem—mental illness. Some 10,000 immigrants in Israel, who broke under the strain of persecution and disaster, will be helped through this effort. Only a great outpouring of generosity can meet it. Each member of Park Avenue Synagogue is called upon to do a full share in advancing UJA's worldwide program.

If you have not as yet made your 1961 contribution, please do it today. Give generously to bring hope, help and life itself to Jews in twenty-six nations. Then we urge you to make an additional gift to help 10,000 of Israel's immigrants.

Condolences

Mrs. Celia Gerrish upon the death of her sister, Irene Cohen.

Mrs. Harry Neivert upon the death of her husband, Dr. Harry Neivert.

Mrs. Dina Rosenbusch upon the death of her brother.

Mr. Benjamin Sack upon the death of his brother, Isidor Sack, one of our members; Paul and Edward Sack upon the death of their father; Mrs. Bela Adler upon the death of her uncle.

The High Holy Days

This year the High Holy Days will begin with the eve of *Rosh Hashanah* on Sunday evening, September 10. The morning services will take place on Monday, September 11, and on Tuesday, September 12. The *Kol Nidre* service will be on Tuesday evening, September 19; *Yom Kippur* day on Wednesday, September 20.

Further details about the High Holy Day services will appear in the September issue of the Bulletin.

The Sewing Group

Every Wednesday, the ladies of the Sewing Group meet from 10:30-3:30 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Milton Steinberg House. Machines hum busily; needles click merrily; material is transformed into tiny garments! Recently, the chairman of this Sisterhood project, Mrs. Louis Greenstein, and her co-chairman, Mrs. Harold A. Osserman, received the following letter from Rose E. Ferdman, director of Social Service at the New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital. We quote in part:

"Our youngsters will enjoy the colorful and comfortable robes which you sent as well as the infant's clothing which has already been put to use. The children and their mothers join me in thanking you for your thoughtfulness and kindness."

Plan to join the group next fall when it resumes its activities. Your time will be spent creatively and pleasantly.

— RMR

Students Confirmed

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The Youth Leadership Award, sponsored annually by Men's Club, was presented to Sande Douglas Milton by Mr. L. Chester Glaser, chairman of the Cultural and Religious Affairs Committee. The award, a sterling silver medal, is given each year to the confirmand who, in the opinion of the committee, has best demonstrated the greatest aptitude for leadership in Jewish life.

After the service, a reception in the Lemberg Auditorium was tendered by the synagogue in honor of the confirmands. The beautiful decorations and the charming tables were arranged by Mrs. Robert Altman, chairman of Decorations, and Mrs. Jacob Oberman, chairman of Class Mothers of the Parents Association.

June Anniversaries

This is our final Bulletin for this season, but we do not want to miss congratulating our members who will celebrate "milestone" wedding anniversaries during June:

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Arkin upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Max August upon their tenth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Cornell upon their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Einiger upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Jerry Feiman upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Fein upon their fifth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Irwin Grantz upon their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Hon. and Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney R. Katz upon their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Hon. and Mrs. Irving Kaufman upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Kirsch upon their tenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph I. Lubin upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel B. Oseas upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Murray A. Rubinstein upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

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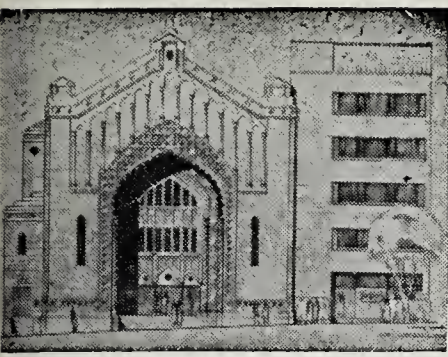
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Rabbi Toubin To Assist At High Holy Days Services



Rabbi Isaac Toubin

Rabbi Isaac Toubin will assist Rabbi Nadich during the coming High Holy Days.

Rabbi Toubin serves as executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education, having been appointed to that position in May of 1960. The Association is a central coordinating body of the American Jewish community concerned with the improvement of educational standards in the Jewish school systems. It is representative of and serves all denominational and communal Jewish schools.

Before assuming his present duties, he was executive director of the American Jewish Congress, an organization with which he was associated for fourteen years. In that capacity he wrote and lectured widely on Jewish communal organizations, civil rights and liberties and social and political problems affecting the Jewish people. He is considered one of the leading authorities in these fields. As a member of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress, he has visited frequently in Europe and Israel and is intimately familiar with the Jewish situation in many lands.

During World War II, he served in a number of capacities with the National Jewish Welfare Board, first as associate director of its committee on Jewish chaplains and later as director of its European office.

Rabbi Toubin was ordained by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America where he also received the degree of Master of Hebrew Literature. His undergraduate work was completed at the Yeshiva College. He also did graduate work in history and economics at Columbia University.

He is married to Henricte Rabinowitz and has a daughter, Serena.

For the past five years he has assisted Rabbi Eli A. Bohnen at Temple Emanu-El in Providence, Rhode Island. Before that, he officiated for some ten years with Rabbi Joseph Miller at Congregation Shaare Torah of Flatbush.

Park Avenue Synagogue is happy to welcome Rabbi Toubin to our pulpit.

High Holy Day Services Begin Sunday Evening, September 10

The High Holy Days occur early this year, with Rosh Hashanah beginning on Sunday evening, September 10, and the morning services on Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12. Yom Kippur will be ushered in with the Kol Nidre service on Tuesday evening, September 19, and the services will continue all of the following day. A more detailed schedule of the services appear elsewhere on this page.

The services beginning the Jewish year of 5722 will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Rabbi Isaac Toubin together with Hazzan David J. Putterman and Hazzan Abraham Friedman, and the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ. Mr. Jeffrey Wohlberg will chant the *Shaharit* service and read the Torah during the services in the Lemberg Auditorium.

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, September 8 5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, September 9 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Sanford N. Shapiro
son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Shapiro

ROSH HASHANAH

First Evening, Sunday, September 10 5:45 p.m.
First Morning, Monday, September 11 9:30 a.m.
Second Evening, Monday, September 11 5:45 p.m.
Second Morning, Tuesday, September 12 9:30 a.m.

SHABBAT SHUVAH — SABBATH OF REPENTANCE

Friday evening, September 15 5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, September 16 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Emile I. Pincus
son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Pincus

The High Holy Day Services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich, Rabbi Isaac Toubin, Hazzan David J. Putterman and Hazzan Abraham Friedman with the synagogue choir and Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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To Insure Dignified High Holy Day Services

Dear Congregant,

Following last year's High Holy Day services, our Board of Trustees held an extended discussion about the services with particular attention to the decorum and mechanical details.

As a result of these deliberations, the Board of Trustees has formulated these rules in order to assure ourselves of the high standard of dignity of which we have always been so proud.

1. *PRESENT YOUR CARD OF AD- MISSION*

All congregants will be required to show their tickets for the High Holy Day services to the Pinkerton uniformed guards at the outside doors and to our ushers when they enter the sanctuary itself. In the past few years, you will recall, we had eliminated the Pinkerton men and consequently, I regret to say, our "Open Door" policy was constantly abused. We now find it necessary to revert to this practice, and we must therefore insist upon your compliance with this procedure.

2. *MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO OCCUPY ONLY THOSE SEATS ASSIGNED TO THEM*

We find it necessary to emphasize the fact that your failure to occupy only those seats assigned to you may cause your friends and neighbors discomfort and even annoyance. Our Board has received communications from congregants who very rightfully complain that some well meaning members bring their children, relatives and even friends to sit with them during the services, little realizing that in doing so they are depriving their fellow congregants of their assigned seating.

We do have facilities for our children at special services at the Jewish Museum, and we do provide complimentary seating in the Sisterhood Lounge for our college boys and girls. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate guests and friends of members in the main sanc-

tuary, in the balcony or even in the Lemberg Auditorium.

3. *YOUR HIGH HOLY DAYS TICKETS SHOULD NOT BE TRANSFERRED AT WILL*

Every year there are a number of congregants who find it impossible to attend our High Holy Day services because of their absence from the city or because of other reasons. Generously, they make their tickets available to the congregation. We, in turn, use these seats for members who have recently joined our congregation and for whom we would otherwise have no proper seating.

If you do not intend to use your seats for the coming High Holy Days, you are respectfully requested to return them to the synagogue office for the purpose herein indicated. By doing so, you will cooperate with the Membership Committee in helping them to fulfill their commitments for seating during the High Holy days.

Your whole-hearted support and cooperation in these matters will be of great help to us in assuring a decorous and dignified High Holy Days service in keeping with the reputation of Park Avenue Synagogue.

Every good wish to you and your loved ones for a very happy and healthful New Year.

Sincerely,

Joseph Howard Katz
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Sabbath Services In The Main Synagogue

After Labor Day each year, the Sabbath services return from the Appleman Chapel to the main synagogue. Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman will conduct the services, and the cantor will be assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

The Friday evening services, which take the form of a brief prayer service, begin each Friday at 5:45 p.m. This schedule will prevail until the start of the late Friday evening services on November 3.

The Sabbath morning services will begin at 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Nadich will resume his preaching schedule.

Now that many of our regular worshippers and members of our congregation have returned from their summer vacations, we hope they will re-institute the good habit of weekly prayer with the congregation on the Sabbath.

Services for Children At Jewish Museum

High Holy Day Services for the young people and the children of the Congregation will be held, as in previous years, at the Jewish Museum, 92nd Street and Fifth Avenue. The facilities of the Museum have been made available to Park Avenue Synagogue through the kindness of Dr. Stephen S. Kayser, curator of the Museum.

Services for the students in the Hebrew Department of the Religious School will be conducted by members of the Junior Congregation under the direction and guidance of James Perman of the Teachers' Institute of the Seminary.

Three individual services are being planned—a service for the children in the Primary Department, one for the students in Grades 1 and 2 of the Hebrew Department and another service for the students in the upper grades of the school.

The time schedule of these services has been arranged so that parents who have to escort their children to the Jewish Museum can be present in the Main Synagogue during the sermon and during the *Musaf* Service.

Tickets for the services will be mailed to all students enrolled in the Religious School. Parents can secure tickets for children not registered in the school by calling the School Office (EN 9-2600).

Schedule of Services

Rosh Hashanah:

Mon., Tues., Sept. 11, 12

Primary Dept. 9:45—10:25 a.m.

Hebrew Dept. (Grades 1, 2)

10:30-11:25 a.m.

Hebrew Dept. (Grades 3, 4, 5)

11:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m.

Kol Nidre: Tues., Sept. 19

6:30-7:45 p.m.

Yom Kippur: Wednesday, Sept. 20

Hebrew Dept. (Grades 3, 4, 5)

11:00 a.m.-12:25 p.m.

Hebrew Dept. (Grades 1, 2)

12:30-1:40 p.m.

Primary Dept. 1:45-2:30 p.m.

— Martin Leichtling

High Holy Day Greetings to Members of Park Avenue Synagogue

From Rabbi Judah Nadich

Dear Friends:

Each year as the summer wanes and we approach the High Holy Day season, it seems that still another crisis is upon us. The abnormal has become the normal, and the critical has become our standard fare. This year, once again, political and military crises confront us, and we are advised that the situation is a serious one. Our military strength is being increased, and we are told to gird ourselves for a series of continuing crises.

We pray that whatever differences there be among nations will be settled in peaceful fashion. But certainly the years ahead will be laden with anxiety and tension. The mood of prayer, the atmosphere of the synagogue, has a role to play in our personal lives during such a time. Prayer should not be soporific, nor should the synagogue serve as a euphoric refuge where one isolates himself from the world. But prayer can serve to give us strength of spirit and can cast light upon goals and purposes and upon the means to achieve them. At the same time, it can strengthen our resolve and determination. The "still, small voice" that speaks to us in the quiet and beauty of the synagogue can have great effect upon our lives and the life of our society if we but hearken to it.

As we assemble in our own synagogue during these High Holy Days, let it be with the understanding that this is not merely a social exercise but one of the most important things we do in life—to attempt to commune with God. Let us concentrate upon what we are saying and what we are hearing. Let us pray with sincerity and conviction. May our prayers be answered! May they be answered with the well-being of our loved ones and the peace of the world!

My wife and our daughters join me in extending to you and to all dear to you the wishes that well from our hearts for a New Year of health and happiness.

L'Shanah Tovah!
Judah Nadich

Candle Lighting Time

Friday, September 86:58 p.m.
Friday, September 156:46 p.m.

From Joseph Howard Katz

As we approach the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we do so in a mood of grateful acknowledgement for the blessings of health and happiness during the past year. All of us have returned from vacationing and the joy of a rest from last year's activities and, in a mood of remembrance, reflection and evaluation, we resolve to dedicate ourselves anew to strive for a greater Park Avenue Synagogue, for a better understanding of our fellow men and for a better world in which all peoples shall live in freedom and peace.

My wife and I extend greetings to all our congregants, their families and loved ones, and wish them a healthful and happy New Year—*L' shanah tovah tikva-tevu.*

Joseph Howard Katz
Chairman, Board of Trustees

**From
Hazzan David J. Putterman**

"Behold, in deep humility
I stand and plead before Thee, God
on high,
Great Lord who art enthroned above
all praise,
O hearken and give heed unto my
prayer.
Though unworthy of my sacred task,
Though imperfect, too, and filled with
awe,
I bow before Thy holy Presence here.
To crave compassion for my erring
folk.
O God of Israel's Patriarchs,
Their children's children send me as
their voice.
To supplicate Thy pardon and Thy
grace,
To ask Thy mercy, Thy continued love.
Though unworthy of my mission, Lord,
Though I stand not flawless in Thy
sight,
Condemn Thou not my people for my
faults,
Consider but their virtues, Righteous
Judge.
Forgive us our iniquities,
And turn Thou our afflictions unto joy.
Thou great, exalted God who hearest
prayer,
Hear ours, and bless us all with life
and peace."

Hazzan and Mrs. David J. Putterman

From Jacob Klein

Mrs. Klein joins me in extending to each one of you and to your families great joy and happiness this year and for all the years to come.

During this season, we generally extend this form of greeting in a perfunctory manner. I wonder how many of us, either as bestowers or as recipients, give thought to what this greeting really intends to convey.

I recall that Rabbi Nadich, in a beautiful sermon which he delivered some time ago, asked what each of us asks and prays for most. His answer was "happiness." He went on to say that if we pray only for our own happiness and that of our families, we are selfish in our requests. If, however, we pray for the happiness of others as well, we have achieved true happiness.

Somewhere I once read the following: "When it comes to doing something for others, some people stop at nothing." I think that the quotation should read: "Nothing should stop us from doing our utmost to help people achieve happiness."

Most of us, when faced with tragedy, feel the need for consolation. Alone, we draw on the inner sources which have built up within ourselves during our lives. Unfortunately these secret selves cannot be shared by those who love us. Happiness is an entirely different matter. Perhaps the most tragic individuals in the world are those upon whom good fortune descends, but who have no one with whom to share it. Mark Twain, in one of his serious moments, summarized it this way:

"Grief," he said, "can take care of itself; but to get the full value of joy, you must have someone to divide it with."

And so I close with the wish that all of you have the kind of happiness of which Rabbi Nadich spoke—happiness and joy for everyone.

Jacob Klein,
President

DAILY MINYAN
Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
Sponsored and supported
by the Men's Club

Religious School News of Interest To Parents and Students

Registration of Students

New admissions to the Primary Department and the Hebrew Department of the Religious School and to the Milton Steinberg Central High School for Jewish Studies are being accepted in the Religious School office every week-day afternoon after 3:00 p.m. Students now enrolled in our school will receive their new class and room assignments in the mail.

The Primary Department holds sessions on Sunday morning for children from kindergarten age through the third grade of public school.

Children who will have reached their ninth birthday by April 1, 1962 must enroll in the three-day-a-week Hebrew Department.

The Hebrew Department which meets on two afternoons during the week and on Saturday morning offers courses in Hebrew, Jewish history, Bible and Jewish living. A major feature of the Saturday morning session is the Junior Congregation where the students have an opportunity to worship together and to develop an understanding of the religious concepts, the ethical values and the ritual forms of Judaism.

The Milton Steinberg Central High School for Jewish Studies accepts for admission graduates from our Religious School and also offers courses for boys and girls, 13 to 16 years of age, who have had no previous Jewish education.

The instruction of the students on all three levels of our educational program is under the supervision of a well-trained and experienced faculty who use modern classroom techniques.

Bar Mitzvah and *Bat Mitzvah* for boys and girls come at the age of 13 to all students who are enrolled in our school and who meet the educational standards of our synagogue.

Opening Dates

Hebrew Department — Wed., Sept. 13
Primary Department—Sunday, Sept. 17

New Schedule of Tuition Fees

The Board of Trustees of Park Avenue Synagogue, upon the recommendation of the School Board, has adopted a new schedule of tuition fees for students in the Religious School beginning with the school year 1961-1962. Contrary to the general rise in tuition fees in all secular and religious schools, Park Avenue Synagogue has maintained the same level during the last fifteen years.

A survey of tuition fees of mid-Manhattan Congregational schools and an examination of the operating costs of our Religious School revealed:

1. That our tuition fees were lower than the tuition fees of the neighboring schools.
2. That our operating cost had increased because of higher costs of materials, increases in teachers' salaries and the expansion of our educational offerings in the Primary Department, in the Hebrew Department and on the High School level.
3. That the Congregation had been subsidizing the school by approximately \$15,000 to \$18,000 per annum.

Primary Department

Member's Child — \$25.00 per annum
Non-Member's Child —
\$60.00 per annum

Hebrew Department

Member's Child — \$60.00 per annum
Non-Member's Child —
\$125.00 per annum

It is important to note that this new schedule will not make the Religious School self-supporting nor will it prevent any child from receiving a Jewish education. The new schedule will reduce, to some extent, the annual subsidy by the Congregation. Our Scholarship Fund will continue to grant scholarships to those in need.

— Martin Leichtling

Many Adult Courses

In this first Bulletin of the new season, the Adult Education Committee headed by Col. Irvin Waldman suggests to the men and women of our congregation that they give thought to the idea of joining one of the several courses to be offered during the coming year. A detailed brochure listing the courses will be distributed to the members of the congregation during the *Yom Kippur* services.

Advance notice, however, can be given now of the continuation of the highly successful Hebrew courses. The number of these courses will be increased. Hebrew classes for women will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in beginning, intermediate and advanced Hebrew. On Monday evenings there will be courses for men and women who have studied the language before as well as for those who have no knowledge of Hebrew at all. The instructors for these courses who have engendered such enthusiasm during the past year will be with us again.

A new course of study of one of the fascinating books of the Bible will be offered for husbands and wives on a fixed number of evenings under the general sponsorship of the Mr. and Mrs. Club. The officers of the club extend a cordial invitation to all members and friends of Park Avenue Synagogue to join this class.

There will be a course in history and Mishnah as well. But all of this is to whet the intellectual appetite, and to serve as a reminder to you to set aside time during the coming season for exciting growth in Jewish knowledge.

Park Avenue Synagogue (Since September 1960)

In Memoriam

Nathan B. Gerber
Gertrude I. Greenfield
Max Greenfield
Gertrude S. Heyman
Jerome F. Konheim
Belle D. Leibson
Eli Maran
Frances Munves
Dr. Harry Neivert
Isidor Ohringer
Miriam R. Rosner
Isidor Sack
Irving Sarnoff
Clara Schlenger
Simon H. Simons
Max Zahler

Hebrew Speaking Circle To Continue Meeting

The Hebrew Speaking Circle expects to continue the meetings begun last year. In addition to the program of Hebrew conversation and the reading of an Israeli newspaper, it is hoped that specialists in modern Hebrew literature will be invited to speak and to guide the reading activities of the group.

For those who participated last year, the experience was rewarding. Anyone who is interested and qualified is cordially invited to join. The first meeting will be held after the High Holy Days.

— Alexander Richman

Sisterhood News

Mrs. Max Zahler, president of Sisterhood, extends New Year's greetings to all the members of Sisterhood and their families on behalf of the Officers and Executive Board. She looks forward to greeting each and every member of Sisterhood at the first Open Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, September 27. This will be a *Sukkot* tea and reception at which time old friendships will be renewed and new members will be welcomed.

Chairman of Sisterhood's Luncheon and Theatre Party, Mrs. Richard I. Rudell, has announced that the play selected this year is "Kean," a gay musical comedy starring Alfred Drake. The date is Wednesday, November 29, 1961. Preceding the play, a luncheon will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor. As usual, a most interesting afternoon has been planned. Five exciting prizes will be awarded to five lucky women: a 14 kt. gold bracelet, a diamond and pearl ring, a diamond and pearl pendant, a 14 kt. gold wrist watch, and a 14 kt. gold and ruby pin.

Books for this day will be in the mail soon. To assure yourself of the best seats, please send your check as soon as possible to the treasurer, Mrs. Samuel Gellert, 170 East 61 Street. Seats, as usual, will be assigned in the order of reservations received.

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Max Zahler, president of Sisterhood, has been appointed a member of the Board of Trustees, ex-officio.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Parents Association

The Parents Association, under the leadership of its newly elected president, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, is planning an interesting and varied year of activities.

The first open meeting in October and the New Mothers' Luncheon are always of particular interest to parents as are the Holiday Workshops and the annual Book Fair sponsored by the group. Dates for these special events will be announced in the next issue of the Bulletin.

To all our friends, old and new, the Parents Association extends best wishes for a wonderful New Year. We hope to have the pleasure of greeting you personally at our first meeting.

— Abby Kirsch

Summer Sabbath Services

During the months of July and August, Sabbath services were held regularly each Friday evening and Saturday morning in the air-conditioned Appleman Chapel. The attendance was good, and on several Saturday mornings every seat was occupied.

Each service was marked by the presence of visitors, rabbinic and lay, from various parts of the country and, indeed, of the world. Tourists came from such distant lands as Australia and South Africa.

As always, the services were conducted with dignity and beauty by Hazan Abraham Friedman, with Mr. Reuben Kosakoff, the noted composer, at the organ. During the first two Sabbaths of July, Mr. Jacob Klein, the president of the congregation, was on the pulpit. For the remainder of the summer, Mr. Solomon E. Green, second vice-president of the congregation, led in the English portions and gave the various explanations and announcements. He was assisted by Dr. Aaron Giat, a devoted member of our congregation and instructor in our Adult Education program.

The congregation expresses its warm gratitude to these gentlemen for their faithful conduct of the services.

Bequest to Synagogue Made by Isidore Sack

The late Isidor Sack, a devoted member of our congregation, left a bequest to Park Avenue Synagogue in the sum of five thousand dollars.

Mr. Sack was an ardent Jew, interested in the cause of the synagogue throughout his lifetime. The greater part of his married life he lived in the city of Yonkers where he served as president of his synagogue, a congregation which he also remembered in his will. During the latter years of his life, he worshipped in our congregation and attended religious services and adult education programs frequently. A noted leader in his profession, an ardent lover of his country, a wise and intelligent man and a benefactor of many, he will be missed.

The ideals of Judaism and the cause of the synagogue so dear to him will be perpetuated by the gifts he left his two congregations. His example in remembering his house of worship in his will is commended to the attention of members and friends of Park Avenue Synagogue.

Men's Club News

The Men's Club will begin its activities for the coming year with a very special event, one that should prove interesting and exciting. The Program Committee, headed by Herman Postel, will present a panel discussion on "Judaism Looks at Some of the Social Problems of Today". The panel consists of foremost representatives of the three branches of the Rabbinate. Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, a former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, will give the Orthodox point of view; our own Rabbi Judah Nadich will explain the Conservative position, and Rabbi Louis I. Newman of Temple Rodeph Sholom will present the attitude of the Reform Group.

The specific problems to be discussed will be:

- (a) Government aid to elementary education.
- (b) Humane slaughtering legislation.
- (c) Autopsies
- (d) Unilateral cessation of nuclear bomb testing.

A question and answer period will follow the formal presentation of ideas.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, September 26. Since this is a very special event, the ladies are most cordially invited. A collation will follow the meeting and will offer an opportunity for informal discussion followed by a get-together.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

Request to Worshippers

Our members who attend services either in the main synagogue or in the Lemberg Auditorium during the High Holy Days are urgently requested to refrain from placing hats, coats, purses, and furs on window (or other) ledges.

Checking facilities are available at every service, and our friends are invited to make use of them. The ushers have been instructed to ask for the removal of any articles that might inadvertently be placed on ledges.

Time For Remembering

What finer occasion than the High Holy Days to present a dear one with a very special gift!

Sisterhood's Gift Shop presents ceremonial and Israeli articles which make charming gifts.

Mrs. Milton Heller, chairman of the Gift Shop, is ready to serve you. Just phone her (AT 9-5500).

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Alex E. Arnstein upon the birth of two grandsons, Scott Kenneth Wilder and Adam David Schwabacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Block upon the birth of a grandson, Joseph Frederick.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dubin upon their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Engelhardt upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fier upon the birth of a daughter, Amy Robin.

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Godwin upon the marriage of their daughter, Judith Ann, to Dr. Richard Rabkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Goodstein upon the marriage of their daughter, Nanci Jane, to Lewis Deitch.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenwald upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hochman upon the birth of a grandson, Kenneth Gary Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jacobs upon the birth of a grand-daughter, Deborah Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kaplan upon the marriage of their son, Dr. Michael Kaplan and Eugenie Florence Appel.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kieval upon their tenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Lee upon the birth of a son, Robert Alan.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leichtling upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List upon the birth of a grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney R. Nussenfeld upon the marriage of Mrs. Nussenfeld's daughter, Jane Laurie, to Adam Walinsky.

Professor Albert Salomon upon the marriage of his son, Frank, to Martha Laredo.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schlesinger upon the birth of a daughter, Jill Beth.

Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer upon the marriage of their daughter, Susan, to Toby David Abend, and upon the birth of a grandson, Steven Lincoln Finkel.

Mrs. Priscilla Wohl upon her marriage to Otto Saril.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Wyler upon the marriage of their daughter, Ruth Judith, to Dr. Eli Messinger.

Decide Now

It is interesting to learn that the first purchase of property of which there is a Biblical record is associated with a family plot. Our congregants, we are certain, need no reminder of the importance of purchasing a family plot long before sorrow strikes. We do, however, want to point out the desirability of purchasing a family plot in the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery, which Park Avenue Synagogue, in an historic decision, chose on the basis of beauty, maintenance and accessibility.

Within the span of a year, deeds have been issued to eighteen families in our synagogue who have obtained plots ranging in size from four to six, eight or twelve graves. To make certain that Sharon Gardens will always be maintained as one of New York's most modern Jewish cemeteries, special rules and regulations have been adopted by our Board of Trustees. To assure the beauty of construction and landscaping, all designs must be approved by the Cemetery Committee headed by Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman, and Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum, co-chairman.

—S.R.K.

High Holy Day Services

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The Ritual Committee again requests that the attention of members be called to the desirability of wearing uniform headgear during the High Holy Day services. White skullcaps will be provided for all gentlemen, who are requested to check their hats.

This year three separate services will be conducted for the children of our congregation at The Jewish Museum, Fifth Avenue and 92 Street. Children will receive tickets from the Religious School.

All the seats in the synagogue and the Lemberg Auditorium have been distributed to the members of the congregation. There are no other available seats. Since the seating capacity is now filled to maximum, the kind cooperation of our members is asked in order that additional persons are not brought into the synagogue during the Rosh Hashanah morning services and the services on Yom Kippur. Members are reminded to bring their tickets which, of course, are not transferable. The staff of our voluntary ushers headed by Mr. David Altschul will be most grateful to all the members of the congregation for their cooperation.

Daily Minyan Service

The *Minyan* Project, sponsored by the Men's Club of Park Avenue Synagogue, is pleased to report:

- That the daily Chapel service was sustained throughout the summer.
- That services never commenced without the presence of the traditional quorum of a *Minyan*.
- That with a few exceptions, services commenced promptly at 5:45 every evening.
- That during the summer more than 1,100 men attended the Chapel services and, of this number, there were more than 225 *different* men, as reflected in the daily attendance records. Members of the synagogue, the Men's Club and a substantial number of non-members, residents of the community, made up the group which manifests the significance of the *Minyan* project to the community.
- In addition to the men, many women attended the services.

L. Chester Glaser
Chairman, MINYAN Project

Condolences

Mrs. Anna Edelman upon the death of her sister, Lottie Baumohl.
Mrs. Irving Goodstein upon the death of her mother, Minnie Franklin.

Mrs. Harry F. Green and Mrs. Michael Falk upon death of their father, Peter Hauser.

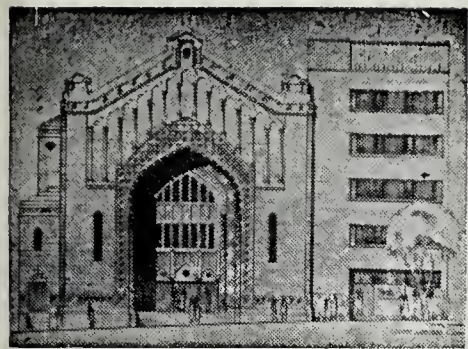
Mr. Albert Knitzer upon the death of his mother, Mamie Knitzer.

Mrs. Eli Maran upon the death of her husband.

Mr. Harry Rubinsky upon the death of his son-in-law, Maurice Pepper.

Dr. Charles Weisberg upon the death of his father, Phylipp Weissberg.

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Visit Our Beautiful Sukkah

Sukkot, the Jewish festival of thanksgiving which marks the final ingathering of the harvest, will be celebrated at Park Avenue Synagogue with services in the Main Synagogue on Sunday evening, September 24, Monday morning, September 25, Monday evening, September 25 and Tuesday morning, September 26. The schedule for the opening and closing days of the festival appears below.

Mrs. Milton Heller and her committee have been zealously working to create a beautiful *Sukkah* on the roof of the Milton Steinberg House. Members are cordially invited to celebrate the advent of *Sukkot* by attending the synagogue with their children and, following the services, by visiting the Sukkah to enjoy the *Kiddush* there after each service in the synagogue.

Schedule of Religious Services

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre, Tuesday evening, September 19 **6:30** p.m.
Yom Kippur, Wednesday, September 20 **8:30** a.m.
Yizkor Memorial Service approximately 3:00 p.m.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, September 22 5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, September 23 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Harold V. Nussenfeld
son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney R. Nussenfeld

SUKKOT

Sunday evening, September 24 5:45 p.m.
Monday morning, September 25 9:30 a.m.
Monday evening, September 25 5:45 p.m.
Tuesday morning, September 26 9:30 a.m.

INTERMEDIATE SABBATH

Friday evening, September 29 5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, September 30 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan H. Altman
son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Altman

Shemini Atzeret Eve, Sunday, October 1 5:45 p.m.
Shemini Atzeret, Monday morning, October 2 9:30 a.m.
including Yizkor Memorial Service

Simhat Torah Eve, Monday, October 2 **5:30** p.m.
including CONSECRATION OF NEW STUDENTS

Simhat Torah, Tuesday morning, October 3 9:30 a.m.
HONORING THREE CONGREGANTS

Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, Mortimer D. Millheiser, Joseph P. Mandelbaum

Friday evening, October 6 5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, October 7 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Keith Reig Arluck
son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer M. Arluck

Rabbi Judah Nadich and Rabbi Isaac Toubin will preach at the Yom Kippur services and will conduct the services with Hazzan David J. Putterman and Hazzan Abraham Friedman, assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ. Rabbi Nadich will preach at each festival and Sabbath morning service.

Park Avenue Synagogue Honors Three Leaders At Simhat Torah Service

At the *Simhat Torah* service on Tuesday morning, October 3, at 9:30 a.m., Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum and Mr. Mortimer D. Millheiser will be honored by Park Avenue Synagogue for the service they have rendered to the congregation and to the community. These annual *Simhat Torah* awards are regarded as being among the greatest honors bestowed by our congregation.

The recipients of these honors are chosen by the Board of Trustees of Park Avenue Synagogue from among the members of the congregation who have distinguished themselves in their devotion to the cause of the synagogue and the community generally. A beautiful, illuminated scroll is presented to each Honoree as a lasting reminder of the occasion.

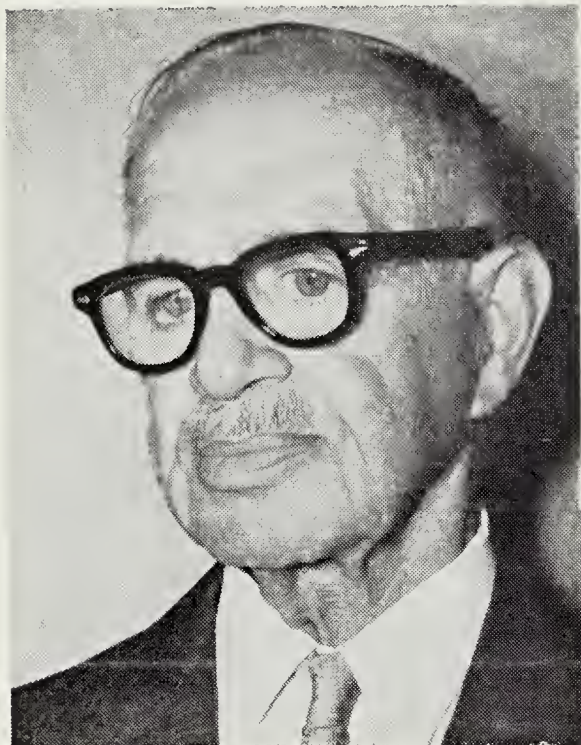
Mr. Mortimer D. Millheiser has been named *Hatan Torah*, Bridegroom of the Torah, and will be called to the Torah for the ceremonial reading of the last verses in the Pentateuch.

Mrs. Irwin H. Rome has been designated as *Kalah Mafteret*, Bride of the Prophetic Message, and will be summoned for the reading of the Prophetic portion of the day.

Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum will be called to the Torah as *Hatan Bereshit*, Bridegroom of the Beginning, for the ceremonial reading of the opening verses of the Bible, beginning once again the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah.

Following the service, the entire congregation will be invited to a *Kiddush* reception in the Lemberg Auditorium in tribute to the three guests of honor. A special committee will plan the details of the reception.

Those Whom We Honor At The Simhat Torah Service Tuesday, October 3



MORTIMER D. MILLHEISER
Hatan Torah

Mortimer D. Millheiser has been a member of Park Avenue Synagogue for half a century. The phrase "being a member" does not adequately describe the close association which he has always had with the synagogue. A native New Yorker, he became Bar Mitzvah in the synagogue of the Atereth Israel Congregation which was absorbed by Park Avenue Synagogue many years ago, and his identification with the congregation has been a lifelong one.

For almost more years than can be remembered, he has been an active and devoted member of the Advisory Council of the congregation. In the earlier years of the history of the congregation, he was helpful in the financing program. He was one of the organizers of the Men's Club, and has rendered important service as a member of the Cemetery Committee. For more than thirty years, he served with great diligence and industry as chairman of the House Committee of the congregation. An illustration of his faithfulness to the duties of this office can be seen in the fact that during the construction of the Milton Steinberg House he was present on the scene every day until the completion of the building.

A funeral director for fifty years, he has been the official Sexton and funeral director of the congregation for many years. He succeeded his late father, Joseph, in the business which had been organized in 1882 by his grandfather.

He belongs to a number of organizations including Phoenix Widow and

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MRS. IRWIN H. ROME
Kalah Mafferet

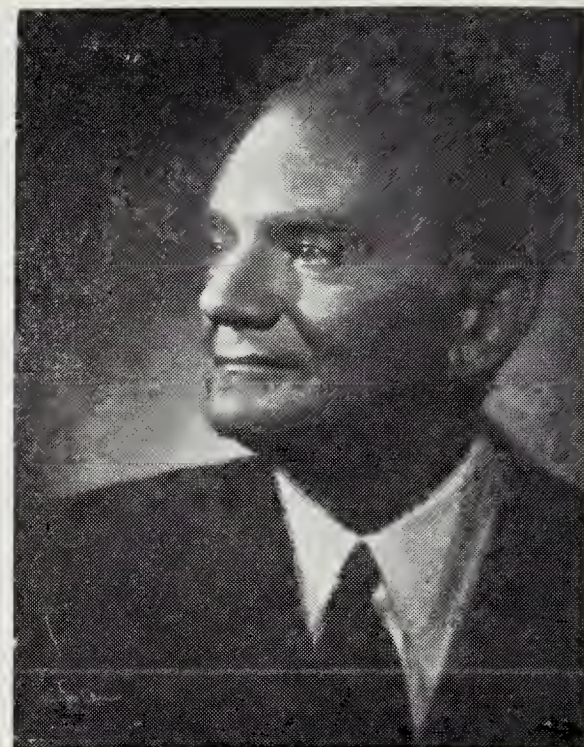
Doris R. (Mrs. Irwin H.) Rome, in addition to fulfilling the roles of wife and mother, has contributed her abilities to the synagogue and to other educational and philanthropic causes from the early years of her married life.

She is the immediate past president of the Sisterhood of Park Avenue Synagogue and is now chaplain of the organization. She joined the Sisterhood some eighteen years ago when she and her husband affiliated with the synagogue. She was immediately appointed to the Program Committee of the Sisterhood, and since that time has held various posts. There is scarcely a committee of the Sisterhood on which she has not served at one time or another. She has been chairman of Publicity, chairman of the Bazaar for three years, chairman of the Annual Luncheon and its treasurer, Program chairman for three terms, recording secretary for four years, and vice president before being elevated to the highest position in the Sisterhood.

During the early years of her association with the congregation, she was also active in the Parents Association where she served as Program chairman and as Class Mother.

In the congregation itself she has served on the Board of Trustees during her period of office as president of the Sisterhood. She has been a member of the Advisory Council, the School Board, the Youth Activities Committee and the Planning Committee. Frequently she has served as chairman of various synagogue celebrations and special events.

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JOSEPH P. MANDELBAUM
Hatan Bereshit

Joseph P. Mandelbaum has given unselfishly of himself in modest and unassuming manner for the synagogue, the Jewish people and the general community. He has been a member of Park Avenue Synagogue for twenty-one years, and of the Advisory Council for some eight years. He is now associate treasurer of the congregation and a member of its Board of Trustees.

Of particular importance in recent years with the acquisition of the new cemetery at Sharon Gardens has been his dedicated service as co-chairman of the Cemetery Committee. In addition, he is now serving as a member of the Ritual Committee, the Finance Committee, the Committee for The Jewish Theological Seminary of America and the Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests.

For eight consecutive years, as either chairman or co-chairman of the East Side mid-Manhattan Merchants' Division of the United Jewish Appeal, he has helped organize the fund-raising of this important cause in Jewish life by the merchants of the East Side area between 23rd and 125th Street. Recognizing the continuing high priority of this cause, he has maintained his interest in it, side by side with his interest in religion and higher Jewish education.

Until his retirement five years ago, he was recognized as one of the leaders of the ladies' retail apparel industry in which he was active for thirty-six years. He founded and was president of the

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Sisterhood News of Special Interest

Open Meeting, Sept. 27

On *Wednesday*, September 27, 1961 at 1 p.m., Sisterhood will hold its first Open Meeting of the season. Members will be greeted by the new president of Sisterhood, Mrs. Max Zahler. They will be afforded the opportunity of learning more about Sisterhood's purposes and aims, as well as specific plans for the coming year. Our own Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will extend personal greetings. Tea will be served after the meeting in the beautifully decorated *Sukkah*.

"Great Jewish Controversies Throughout the Ages," a Tuesday morning lecture series by Rabbi Nadich, sponsored by Sisterhood, will start October 17, at 11 a.m.

Have you sent in your check to reserve your seat for the Luncheon and

Theatre Party on Wednesday, November 29th? The Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Sheraton Astor will be the setting for the luncheon, followed by a matinee performance of "Kean," starring Alfred Drake. This is a gay, romantic musical comedy based on the life and loves of the renowned English actor, Edmund Kean. This promises to be one of the hit shows of the coming season. Don't miss it! Send your check *now* to Mrs. Samuel Gellert, Treasurer of Luncheon, 170 East 61 Street.

You will also be afforded the opportunity of winning one of five exciting prizes: a 14 kt. gold bracelet, a diamond and pearl ring, a diamond and pearl pendant, a 14 kt. gold wrist watch, and a 14 kt. gold and ruby pin.

Don't delay! Send your check today!

— Ethel B. Altschul

Parents Association — New Mothers' Luncheon

The members of the Executive Board of the Parents Association will hold a luncheon in honor of all mothers whose children have entered the Religious School of Park Avenue Synagogue for the first time. The luncheon, which will take place October 31, will be a splendid opportunity for mothers to learn many important facts of interest.

Chairman of the luncheon, Mrs. Albert Siegel, is planning a stimulating afternoon during which several speakers will address the group. Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, president, and the members of the Executive Board look forward to meeting the new mothers at this annual event.

— Abby Kirsch

Men's Club News

Panel Discussion To Mark First Meeting

On Tuesday evening, September 26, Men's Club will present a panel of some foremost representatives of the three branches of the Rabbinate. The topic, "Judaism Looks at Some Social Problems of Today", will be discussed by Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, who will give the Orthodox point of view; our Rabbi Judah Nadich, who will explain the Conservative position; Rabbi Louis I. Newman of Temple Rodeph Sholom, who will present the attitude of the Reform Group.

Among the problems to be discussed will be: Government aid to elementary education, humane slaughtering legislation, autopsies and unilateral cessation of nuclear bomb testing. The audience will be given an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers after the discussion.

Since this is a special event, the ladies are cordially invited to attend the meeting. A collation in the beautiful *Sukkah* on the roof of the Milton Steinberg House will follow the meeting.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

Mortimer D. Millheiser

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Orphan Aid Society, Free Sons of Israel, the Ceres Union, the Masonic order, the Elks, New York Society, the Board of Directors of the Mount Hope Cemetery Association of Brooklyn. During World War II he served as sector commander of Civil Defense.

For his service to the synagogue Mr. Millheiser has been selected for the honor of *Hatan Torah* for *Simhat Torah* 5722.

Doris R. Rome

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In the larger Jewish community, she has been particularly active in the United Jewish Appeal where she has rendered service as chairman of Treasury Gifts and as a member of the Board of Manhattan Organizations. During 1942-44 she was president of one of the Women's League for Israel groups. She has also done volunteer work in the clinics and laboratories of Mount Sinai Hospital for some three years.

She attended the Connecticut College for Women and Columbia University, and has participated actively in the leadership and programs of the parents' associations of the several schools attended by her children, James and Carol.

For her years of service in Jewish and communal life, and with particular recognition of her leadership in the Sisterhood and in the congregation, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome has been chosen as *Kalah Mafteret* for *Simhat Torah* 5722.

Joseph P. Mandelbaum

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Association of Exclusive Specialty Shops during its entire existence. This organization was formed to bring about stability in the industry during the depression in the thirties. He was also an officer and one of the founders of the Uptown Retail Guild.

For his service to the community, the Jewish people and Jewish religion and education, Mr. Mandelbaum has been named as *Hatan Bereshit* for *Simhat Torah* 5722.

The First Meeting

The Hebrew Speaking Circle will hold its first meeting of the year on Thursday, October 12, at 8:30 p.m. The program will be the first in a series of studies of the works of the famed Hebrew poet, Chaim Nachman Bialik. Dr. Aaron Giat, the well known Hebrew educator, will act as moderator of the discussion and will guide the members in the preparation of material.

— Alexander Richman

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Religious School News of Interest To Parents and Students

Consecration Service For New Students

On Monday evening, October 2, at 5:30 p.m., a Consecration Service will be held in the synagogue to honor the entering class in the Hebrew Department of the Religious School. This special ceremony will be held as part of the *Simhat Torah* service. The new students will be presented to the congregation by Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the School Board, and by Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will bless the students and give each of them a miniature *Torah* scroll and an inscribed certificate to commemorate the event. The parents of our new students repeat the blessing, giving thanks that their children have reached this most significant day in their lives—the beginning of their formal Hebrew education.

Refreshments and holiday flags will be distributed to all the children who attend the service and join in the Processional with the *Torah* Scrolls.

The following newly-enrolled students in the Hebrew Department will be honored: Laurie Altman, Jonathan Barnett, Steven Bauer, James Beer, Barbara Ann Bergier, Samuel Bogash, Greg Clapper, Amy Cohen, Judith Diamond, Stuart Feld, Jerome Fisher, Eric Gelb, Douglas Goldin, Alyne Sue Goodman, Cary Greenberg, Carol Katz, Joseph Kerstein, Deborah M. Kieval, Richard Kirsch,

Tommy Kleinman, John Lazarus, Ellen Leeds, Judy Levy, Joanne Parnes, Steven Pearlman, Todd Platek, Michael Rosenbluth, Gary-Howard Schlesinger, Barry Stern, Joshua Tannenbaum, Robert Tischenkel, Deborah Towers. Jeffrey Leigh Wachtel, John Wallerstein, Andrew Wolff, Steven Zeichner, Ilene Zucker.

Sukkot Services

The Junior congregation will hold *Sukkot* services for the members of the Religious School on the mornings of September 25, September 26 and October 2. After the service, the members of the Junior Congregation will be served refreshments in the *Sukkah* on the roof of the Milton Steinberg House.

On *Simhat Torah* morning, October 3, the students are invited to attend the services in the Main synagogue.

REGISTRATION

The School Office will continue to accept the registration of new students in the Religious School until October 8.

Members of the congregation are urged to advise their friends and relatives in the community that children of non-members may be enrolled in the Primary and Hebrew Departments and in the new Milton Steinberg Central High School for Jewish Studies.

Registration may be made by telephone (EN 9-2600) or in person in the School Office between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

— Martin Leichtling

Mr. and Mrs. Club

The Mr. and Mrs. Club will hold a Cocktail Party on Sunday afternoon, October 1, at four o'clock in the Lemberg Auditorium of the Milton Steinberg House. All members of the synagogue are cordially invited to attend.

Condolences

Mrs. Benjamin Gutman upon the death of her husband.

Mr. Mortimer D. Millheiser upon the death of his sister, Hannah C. Goldsmith.

YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Monday, October 2

Congregants are reminded that during the Shemini Atzeret services on Monday morning, October 2, Yizkor Memorial Prayers will be said.

Congratulations

Mrs. Betty Friedman upon her eightieth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Friedman upon the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Nan, to David Mack.

Mrs. Dorothy Gellert and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Gillette upon the birth of a granddaughter.

Dr. and Mrs. Selig Ginsburg upon the birth of a daughter, Jessica Laura.

Mrs. Edith Harwood upon her marriage to Daniel Brock.

Dr. and Mrs. Jules Hirsch upon the birth of a son, Joshua.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Plehn upon the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Natale, to Daniel Leonard.

Adult Courses Offered at Seminary

The Seminary School of Jewish Studies of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Broadway and 122 Street, offers a program of attractive evening courses for adults for the coming academic year. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings in two periods of 70 minutes each, the first period 7:20 to 8:30 p.m.; the second period 8:35 to 9:45 p.m. Individuals are free to choose the courses and the hours they desire. Credits are given for each course leading to graduation. The courses may also be used by teachers in the public school system to meet alertness requirements of the Board of Education of the City of New York. The faculty includes distinguished educators and scholars.

Courses are offered in the fields of Bible, history and sociology, religion and philosophy, Jewish arts, Hebrew and Yiddish, education and literature. The Jewish Dance Institute forms part of the program as well, with courses in Israel folk music and folk dancing as well as in modern dance technique.

Classes begin on Monday, October 9, with registration commencing September 21. Further information may be obtained by telephoning the Seminary School of Jewish Studies at RI 9-8000.

Ceremonial and Gift Shop

Prayer Books — Bibles — Talletim
Mezuzahs — Candle Holders
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Phone: Irma Heller, Chairman of Gift Shop
(AT 9-5500)

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
Sponsored and supported
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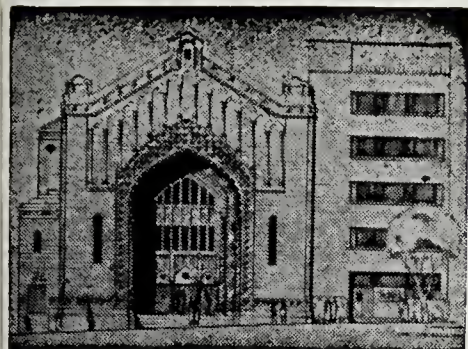
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Adult Education Courses for Men and Women Begin Monday, October 16

The new season for the courses sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue, headed by Colonel Irvin Waldman, will commence the week of Monday, October 16. The exact schedule appears in another column in this Bulletin. Men and women are urged to note in their personal calendars the opening days and hours of the specific courses they wish to take, and to come to the very first session. Much is lost if a student is not present from the very beginning of the course.

For the past two years, the students attending the Bible and Hebrew courses have been most enthusiastic about their progress. Men and women who could not recognize the letters of the Hebrew alphabet now are able to read the language with understanding and even to speak it in elementary fashion. Our teachers are excellent and have elicited the full capacity and fervor of their students. It is possible for a man or woman to learn the rudiments of Hebrew in a brief period under the guidance of trained teachers. This has been proved during the past several years at our synagogue. Those who would like now

to prove it to themselves are urged to register for a course in Hebrew for beginners. Others who have previously studied Hebrew may decide to join a second year course, or the third year.

A renowned teacher in Bible, Dr. Max Rothschild, will teach a course in the Book of Job. Dealing as it does with the continuing problem of the existence of evil, this Book has always fascinated the minds of readers. Only two years ago it formed the basis for a new play on Broadway. It is a text which is a rich intellectual fare, both exciting and enjoyable. Men and women are invited to attend the bi-weekly sessions of this course.

Rabbi Nadich will offer a course for women on five Tuesday mornings, on great controversies throughout Jewish history. In discussing the disputes that affected the flow of Jewish history, he will place each in its setting, illustrating how each throws light upon the circumstances of its own age. All women are cordially invited to attend this course.

All of these courses are offered free of charge to the members of our congregation and to the community. All

who are interested are urged to register beforehand by writing to the rabbi's secretary at the synagogue, 50 East 87 Street. Mention the specific course you wish to take, and your name and address. The number of students may have to be limited for some of these courses, and the availability of others may depend on the prior registration.

Schedule of Opening Sessions

Morning Course in History

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study Circle

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 8:30 p.m.

Hebrew-Speaking Circle

Thursday, Oct. 12, 8:30 p.m.

Hebrew Courses

Afternoon classes for women: 1:30 p.m.

a. Beginners—Tuesday, Oct. 17

b. 2nd Year—Wednesday, Oct. 18

c. 3rd Year—Tuesday, Oct. 17

(1:30—3:30 p.m.)

Evening classes for men and women

a. Beginners—Monday, Oct. 16

7:15—8:45 p.m.

b. 2nd Year—Monday, Oct. 16

8:45—10:15 p.m.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, October 13 5:45 p.m.

Saturday morning, October 14 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Lloyd Victor Greenwald
son of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Greenwald

Friday evening, October 20 5:45 p.m.

Saturday morning, October 21 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Michael W. Levine
son of Dr. and Mrs. Nathan L. Levine

Friday evening, October 27 5:45 p.m.

Saturday morning, October 28 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of James Malkiel
son of Mrs. Barbara Malkiel

*Rabbi Nadich will conduct the services together with
Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir
with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

Congregation to Mark 25th Anniversary Of Rabbi Nadich's Ordination

On Friday evening, November 3, the first service of the Friday night service season, the congregation will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of Rabbi Nadich. The program will be of keen interest. Following the service itself, there will be a reception in honor of the rabbi in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Members of the congregation are urged to make a note of this important date in order not to miss what undoubtedly will be one of the highlights of the current season, and to join with their fellow congregants in this *simhah* of Park Avenue Synagogue.

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From the Rabbi's Study

My dear Friends:

May I tell you what a great joy it was to see such a large congregation during the High Holy Days. Sitting on the pulpit, one was impressed not only by the size of the congregation but by its rapt attention, its eager participation, its religious fervor. Here were many hundreds of men and women participating in divine worship and eagerly expressing their desire for identification with their fellow Jews. It was a heartlifting manifestation of religious enthusiasm. All this in spite of the fact that the weather was unbearably hot and humid, so that synagogue attendance had to be a matter of clear determination. The services were not curtailed because of the uncomfortable weather, nor were the sermons omitted. Yet the attendance was consistent throughout the High Holy Days.

Many people have told me how much the services meant to them. They spoke of the values they derived, and the joy they obtained. What a pity it is that some deprive themselves of the same kind of joy and benefit the year 'round! The High Holy Days are the registration season, as it were, of the Jewish religious year. If the registration is so enjoyable and so worthwhile, certainly attendance at services the year 'round would also prove to be so. How wonderful it would be for more of our High Holy Day worshippers to attend services Friday evenings and Saturday mornings! How wonderful it would be both for them and for us on the pulpit! The deep satisfaction derived from participation in public worship can be had all year.

In this connection, may I also call to mind the daily services held in the Appleman Chapel under the sponsorship of the Men's Club. It ought to be a source of great pride to us that this year marks the commencement of the fourth year of the services at 5:45 p.m. each day.

Members of our synagogue and community are served, as well as strangers who have the desire to participate in daily worship, or to recite the traditional *Kaddish* as a mourner, or upon the anniversary of the death of a loved one. This is the first time in the eighty-year history of our synagogue that a sustained daily service has succeeded. We are carrying forward the primary purpose of the synagogue in that the voice of prayer is heard within the walls of our building 365 days a year. Many members of the synagogue have told me how much it meant to them to be able to recite the *Kaddish* in their own synagogue. Many strangers from various parts of the country and from different areas of the world have spoken of their delight in finding the opportunity for the recital of *Kaddish* in the friendly atmosphere of our chapel. The success of the *Minyan* depends upon scheduled attendance. Those men who are scheduled to attend one evening service each month receive a reminder card, and I appeal to them to keep their appointments. Almost one-third of our synagogue membership are now doing so. It is my hope that others will participate in the *mitzvah*.

The practice of regular, meaningful prayer can benefit us greatly. With the beginning of this new year of 5722, let us resolve to attend services often.

— Judah Nadich

Our Beautiful Sukkah

Sukkot, the Jewish Festival of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the final ingathering of the harvest, was celebrated at Park Avenue Synagogue with services in the main synagogue and with *kiddush* served in the lovely *Sukkah* on the roof of the Milton Steinberg House.

Mrs. Milton Heller, chairman, and her co-chairman, Mrs. Isidor Hahn, again this year deserve a vote of gratitude for creating such a beautiful *Sukkah*. Polished fruits, the glowing grapes, the colorful vegetables, the *etrog*, the *lulav*, the *hadassim* (the myrtle twigs), and the *aravot* (the willows of the brook) created a charming atmosphere.

Mrs. Heller wishes to express her appreciation to the following members for their help in decorating: Sylvia Applebaum, Ethel Boneparth, Bess Bronstein, Rose Cohen, Rhoda Fieber, Fan Greenstein, Helen Hershey, Bea Kaplan, Joann Lane, Rachel Leider, Bertha Rubenstein, Julia Steiner.

For their help as gracious hostesses: Hilda Davidson, Helen Hahn, Elsie Lane, Bertha Liberman, Elsie Pincus, Florence Spiegel, Minna Schoenbaum, Ruth Westheimer, Muriel Willins, Edith Zahler.

For their gifts of fruit: Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Dubin and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Liberman.

— RMR

A Letter to Our Congregants from Sidney R. Katz

After seven years at our congregation as executive director, Mr. Sidney R. Katz has left to assume a similar position at Temple Israel in Great Neck, Long Island. All of us at Park Avenue Synagogue wish him and his family great happiness, and success in his new undertaking.

September 28, 1961

To our Congregants:

Seven years ago in October of 1954, the Board of Trustees and its late chairman of blessed memory, the Honorable Sanford H. Cohen, aided and advised by Benjamin Sack, Joseph Howard Katz and Jacob Klein, charged me with the responsibility of helping charter a new course for an expanded Park Avenue Synagogue as Park Avenue Synagogue's first full time executive director. This task has always been viewed by me not only as a job but as an honor.

In taking leave of Park Avenue Synagogue in order to accept a similar re-

sponsibility at another congregation, I do so much better equipped for my duties because of the inspiration and experience which became mine over a seven year period. For this I am thankful, but not merely for this.

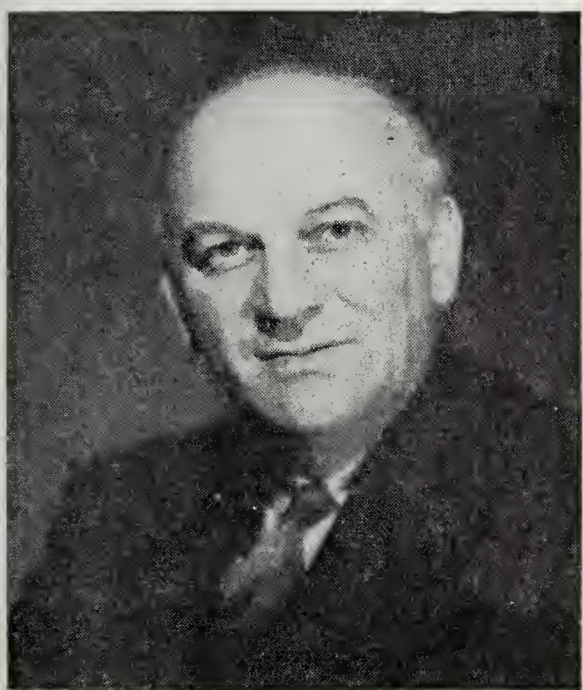
For me, Park Avenue Synagogue will continue to be a significant and meaningful institution, not merely for what it represents as a synagogue, but also because of the many personal friendships and loyalties which were built over the years.

For all this and for the many acts of kindnesses and support, my wife Julia, and my children, Phyllis and Jonathan, and I are all deeply appreciative.

The separation from Park Avenue Synagogue will be only official and geographical. It is our hope and wish that the many friendships and associations will continue in the years to come.

— Sidney R. Katz

Dinner Oct. 21 to Mark 70th Birthday Of Milton Weill



MILTON WEILL

On Saturday evening, October 21, the many friends and associates of Mr. Milton Weill will tender him a dinner party in celebration of his seventieth birthday.

In honor of Mr. Weill, who is associate chairman of the Board of YMWYHAs of Greater New York, a YMWYHA will be erected on a site which has already been purchased on East 14th Street. It will be known as the Milton Weill Building.

The dinner will be held at the Hotel Pierre with the reception beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the dinner at 8:15 p.m. Rabbi Nadich will give the invocation before the dinner commences.

Those who would like to attend the dinner in honor of Mr. Weill, can make their reservations by contacting Mr. Maurice Levin, 285 Madison Avenue, New York 17, or by phoning (OR 9-3788). Couvert: \$15.00 per person.

Condolences

To the family of Joseph Rosenthal and to Mrs. Rosenthal's brothers, Harry Fred and Milton Zeitz upon her death.

To Judge Millard L. Midonick upon the death of his father, Abraham.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
Sponsored and supported
by the Men's Club

Sisterhood Events

Sisterhood has several new projects under way. Rabbi Nadich will deliver a series of five lectures on "Great Controversies Throughout the Ages." The first of these lectures will be held on Tuesday, October 17, at 11 a.m. The series for which there is no charge for admission, is sponsored by Sisterhood and is open to all women. Mrs. Hilda Davidson is chairman.

The sale of attractive bracelet watches in assorted colors is another new project that has met with considerable success. The watches sell for the nominal sum of \$20 each, and feature a Swiss movement and gold trim with a petit point rose decoration. The proceeds go to the Offering Fund which is Sisterhood's project to aid the blind. For further information, please contact Mrs. Bess L. Bronstein, chairman at Bu 8-0127.

Sisterhood's next open meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, at 12:30 when luncheon will be served. This meeting will be devoted to Sisterhood's participation in community affairs with a special speaker to explain the role of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. Watch the Bulletin for further details.

Checks are beginning to pour in for the Luncheon and Theatre Party on Wednesday, November 29th. Tickets to the matinee, "Kean," will be distributed on a first paid-first served basis, so be sure to send your check now to assure a choice seat. "Kean" is a gay, romantic musical comedy, starring Alfred Drake. The entire production has been staged and choreographed by Jack Cole. Send your check today to Mrs. Samuel Gellert, treasurer of the luncheon, 170 East 61 Street.

The purchase of your ticket also affords you the opportunity of winning one of five exciting prizes: a 14 kt. gold bracelet, a diamond and pearl ring, a diamond and pearl pendant, a 14 kt. gold wrist watch, and a 14 kt. gold and ruby pin.

New Members' Luncheon

On October 24, there will be a luncheon and reception for new members of Sisterhood in the beautiful, new home of Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich, 993 Park Avenue. Sisterhood wishes to express its appreciation to the Nadiches for making their home available for this annual reception.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Course by Rabbi Nadich To be Given for Women

On five Tuesday mornings Rabbi Nadich will offer a course for women on the provocative subject "Great Controversies Throughout Jewish History." Each lecture will begin at 11 o'clock and end at 11:45, with a 15-minute question period to follow. Although the course is sponsored by the Sisterhood, with a special committee in charge headed by Mrs. Edwin Davidson, the series is open to all women.

The schedule of the lectures will be as follows:

Oct. 17—The Pharisees versus the Sadducees: a quarrel that shaped Judaism

Oct. 24—The Karaites: rebellion against the Talmud

Oct. 31—The False Messiahs

Nov. 7—The Hassidic Movement: revolt of the masses

Nov. 21—Orthodox, Reform and Conservative Judaism

Mr. and Mrs. Club News

The inaugural affair of the Mr. and Mrs. Club was a cocktail party held on Sunday afternoon, October 1, in the Lemberg Auditorium. Invitations were extended to the entire congregation, and the large turnout made the party a huge success. Old members were welcomed back into the fold, while new ones were greeted amidst a gay, musical atmosphere. Liquor and hors d'oeuvres were served in the friendly tradition of the club.

The next open meeting of the club will be on Monday, October 16, at 8:30 p.m. A distinguished speaker from Federation will discuss "Preserving the Jewish Family in a Time of Change". The synagogue membership is invited to attend what promises to be a very interesting meeting.

Following the October 16 meeting, the Mr. and Mrs. Club will present a varied program which is certain to interest everyone. Among the planned functions are theater parties, bridge tournaments, week-ends at resorts, dances and a number of stimulating, cultural programs. Highlighting the year's activities will be the annual Art Show and the yearly dinner-dance.

Due to a misunderstanding, there will be no dance on October 28 as originally announced in the list of synagogue activities. A dance will be forthcoming, however, at a later date.

— Mattis Fern

Parents Association

New Mothers' Luncheon... Oct. 31

The Parents Association takes pleasure in announcing that the New Mothers' Luncheon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Albert Siegel, will be held Tuesday, October 31, at 12:30 o'clock in the Sisterhood Lounge. Mrs. Siegel and her committee, the Mesdames Barth, Bienenstock, Kirsch, Ruttenberg, Weisberg, and Wimpfheimer, are planning a stimulating and informative afternoon for all mothers whose children are entering the Primary and Religious School for the first time this year.

Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, our president, will welcome the mothers and will explain the important function of the Parents Association which serves as a liaison between the Religious School and the parents. Rabbi Judah Nadich, Hazan David J. Putterman, and Mr. Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School, will extend their greetings and will describe the roles which the parents play in the educational and religious lives of their children.

We sincerely hope that the members of the Executive Board will have the pleasure of meeting all new mothers on October 31.

— Abby Kirsch

Accent On Youth

The early occurrence of the High Holy days this year offered the members of our Youth Group an opportunity to begin their seasonal activities well before their customary mid-October starting date.

Members of the Inter-Club Council, former club officers and committee chairmen utilized this time in planning a series of events designed to meet the needs and sustain the interest of all.

Highest priority in the discussions was given to the possibility of forming a Teen Age Congregation. Although study projects and Sabbath observance are the primary objectives of the group, the opportunity for "Ruach"—folk dancing and singing will also receive considerable attention in the programs which will follow the services.

The matter of implementing program suggestions developed by our USY summer encampment delegates also was discussed. The knowledge, enthusiasm and attention to detail displayed by the group was so extensive that we are confident and expectant of a highly successful, culturally rich year.

— Irving Goldberg

Men's Club News

The first meeting of the Men's Club on September 26 when Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits, Rabbi Judah Nadich and Rabbi Louis I. Newman discussed "Judaism Looks at Social Problems Today" was highly successful. The Program Committee, under the chairmanship of Herman Postel, is now planning the traditional "Election Show Case" meeting on October 24. Because of the controversies which have developed and the many issues to be debated, the candidates for the major offices of both parties have been invited.

Since this exciting meeting is a special event, the ladies are most cordially invited. A collation will be served at the close of the meeting.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

Simhat Torah Service

At the *Simhat Torah* Service on October 3, Park Avenue Synagogue honored three leaders for their outstanding service to the congregation and the community: Mr. Mortimer D. Millheiser, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome and Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum.

Following the Service, a reception and *Kiddush* was held in the Lemberg Auditorium under the chairmanship of Mrs. Max Zahler, and co-chairman, Mrs. Harold Osserman.

Choose Now With Calm And Wise Judgment

Once in every lifetime, we or those near to us are faced with the task of selecting a family plot as a final resting place. How tragic when this choice must be made hastily, when the mind is clouded by sorrow! How much wiser when there is time for personal inspection and calm judgment. The possession of a family plot will give you a sense of security and serenity, and will avoid much of the worry and confusion.

Last year, Park Avenue Synagogue, with great foresight, purchased burial grounds at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, Westchester County. One of the oldest and best operated cemetery organizations, Sharon Gardens was selected on the basis of its beauty, its excellent maintenance of grounds and its easy accessibility from Manhattan.

Sharon Gardens offers plots of four, six, eight and twelve to answer the needs of every family.

A phone call to the executive director will give you full particulars.

— RMR

A Word of Thanks To Our Ushers

The usher's lot is not an easy one, especially during the High Holy Days. When great throngs of people arrive, often within the same few minutes, the synagogue usher must use all his reserves of tact, diplomacy and skill. Although he has volunteered in order to help his congregation and his fellow worshippers, this generosity of spirit of the usher is frequently overlooked.

Therefore it is well that we record our appreciation to all those gentlemen who served as ushers in the synagogue and the Lemberg Auditorium under the chairmanship of Mr. David Altschul: Frederic S. Berman, Harry A. Dubin, Andrew L. Fier, Emil Forster, L. Chester Glaser, Harold Glasser, Milton Heller, Julian Jacobs, Edward Kaye, Leon Klein, Mortimer D. Millheiser, Archie Richman, Albert Siegel, Dr. Samuel A. Siegel, Dr. Samuel Stern, Michael Stowe, Stephen Stowe.

We are grateful for their contributions to the dignity of our services.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cohen upon the engagement of their daughter, Roslynn Ruth, to David Gelles.

Dr. and Mrs. Morton H. Edelman upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Levine upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Murray A. Rubinstein upon the engagement of their son, Theodore, to Sally Baker.

Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg upon the marriage of her son, David Alan, to Suzanne Weil.

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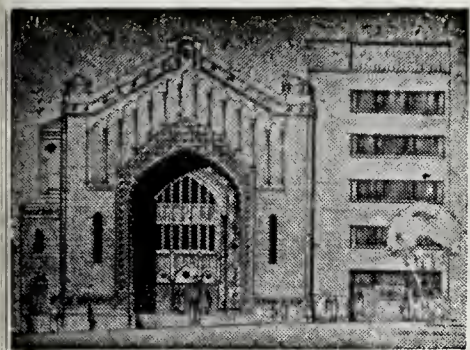
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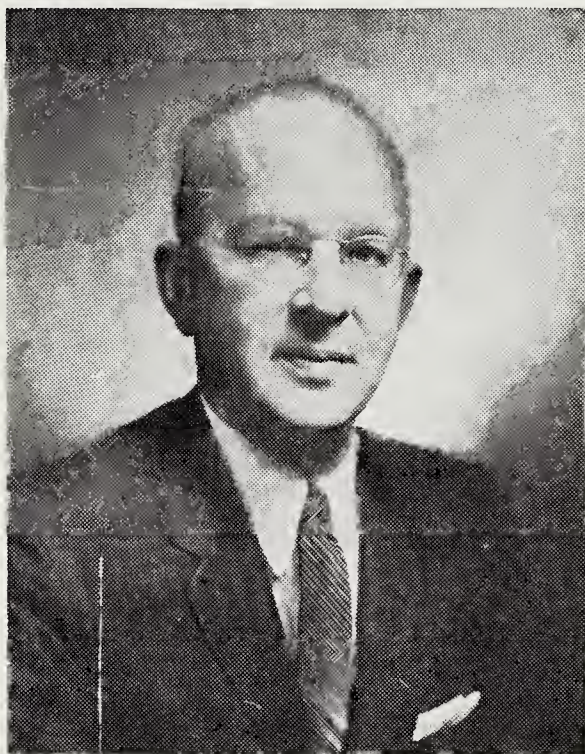
October 31, 1961

25th Anniversary of Rabbi Nadich's Ordination to be Celebrated by Synagogue Dr. Max Arzt, Vice Chancellor of the Seminary, Will Speak

On Friday evening, November 3, 1961, Park Avenue Synagogue will do honor to its rabbi, Dr. Judah Nadich, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination, at the first of this season's Friday night services. The service will begin at 8:30 p.m., and a reception in honor of the rabbi will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium following the service.

Rabbi Nadich was ordained by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1936. Dr. Max Arzt, vice chancellor of the Seminary, will be present at the gala service to address the congregation. For many years, Dr. Arzt was in the active ministry, and for the past two decades has served as professor of practical theology at the Seminary. He is the father of two rabbis and father-in-law of a third.

Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, will speak on behalf of the congregation, and Rabbi Nadich will respond. Hazzan David J. Putterman will present a special program of liturgical music together with the choir



RABBI JUDAH NADICH

and Mr. George Crook at the organ. Mrs. Harold Osserman is chairman of a committee in charge of the reception in the Lemberg Auditorium.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the members of the congregation and

worshippers at the synagogue to attend this special service and reception.

Rabbi Nadich came to Park Avenue Synagogue in July 1957. His previous pulpits included those of congregations in Brookline, Massachusetts, Chicago and Buffalo. In World War II he served as an Army chaplain for some three and a half years in the European theater of operations, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was Adviser on Jewish Affairs to General Eisenhower, and was honored with several American decorations, the French Croix de Guerre and the Order of the British Empire and a medal from Pope Pius XII. Upon his return from the war, he spoke in some 62 cities in the United States on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, and then engaged in a four-month speaking tour of South Africa and Rhodesia at the invitation of the South African Jewish War Appeal.

He is the author of a book entitled "Eisenhower and the Jews," editor and translator of "The Flowering of Modern Hebrew Literature" by Menachem Ribalow. He is also the editor of a Hebrew volume of scholarly essays by the late Professor Louis Ginzberg. He is an associate editor of *The Reconstructionist*, and a contributor to the newly revised edition of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia. Prayers written by him have been published in a popular paperback book, "A Minute of Prayer", and his pamphlet on Yom Kippur written for the Jewish men and women of the armed forces has had a distribution of one hundred thousand. Articles written by him have appeared in a number of magazines.

Rabbi Nadich is a member of the Rabbinic Cabinet of the Seminary and a Fellow of the Herbert Lehman Institute of Talmudic Ethics. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the 92nd Street YM-YWHA, vice president of the Jewish Braille Institute of America, vice chairman of the *Hadoar* Hebrew

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, November 3 8:30 p.m.

First Friday night service

25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Rabbi Nadich

Dr. Max Arzt, Vice Chancellor of

Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will speak

Joseph Howard Katz will extend greetings

Rabbi Nadich will respond

Saturday morning, November 4 9:30 a.m.

Friday evening, November 10 8:30 p.m.

Service Honoring New Members

Rabbi Nadich will speak on "The Role of Religion"

Saturday morning, November 11 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Henry Schvey

son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schvey

Rabbi Nadich will conduct the services together with

*Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir
with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

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President Eisenhower Sends Greetings

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower has sent the following greetings to Rabbi Nadich upon learning of the forthcoming service in honor of the 25th anniversary of the rabbi's ordination:

I hope you will permit me to extend to you, by means of this note, my warm personal felicitations and my admiration of your untiring efforts on behalf of the people of your community and of America. I remember well, of course, the role you played in the aftermath of World War II and I know that through your efforts the tragedy of the Jewish people was forcefully brought to the attention of the compassionate world.

With warm good wishes and personal regard,

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

During the latter part of Rabbi Nadich's military chaplaincy, he served as adviser to General Eisenhower on Jewish affairs in the European theater of operations.

Anniversary Ordination

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weekly, member of the Executive Board of the Jewish Book Council of America, director of the Federated Council of Israeli Institutions, director of the Jewish Statistical Bureau, member of the Committee on Religious Affairs and the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and a member of the Synagogue Council of America.

Mrs. Nadich, the former Martha Haddassah Ribalow, a graduate of Hunter College, holds the Bachelor of Hebrew Literature degree from the Seminary College of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Rabbi and Mrs. Nadich are parents of three daughters, Leah Nessa, Shira Adina and Nahma Meira.

President and Mrs. Klein Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

The president of Park Avenue Synagogue, Mr. Jacob Klein, and his beloved wife, Gertrude, marked the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on October 25, 1961. The entire congregation extends a hearty *Mazal Tov!* to them both, together with the heartiest wishes for strength, health and happiness.

Both Jacob and Gertrude have endeared themselves to large numbers of people in our congregation and out. The warm feelings of men and women and children toward them may be articulated in such words as admiration, esteem, respect, appreciation and love. Both have given much of themselves for others. They have given leadership to our synagogue, and in earlier years to other congregations, as well as to many philanthropic causes. They have helped numerous institutions, agencies and individuals, and have shown personal kindness to countless human beings.

All the congregation and all their many friends and admirers pray for God's blessings upon them both.

United Synagogue Convention, Nov. 12-16

The Biennial Convention of the United Synagogue of America will take place on November 12-16 at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, New York.

The theme of the convention this year is "Torah: A Blueprint of our Lives." A highlight of the session will be an address by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Other sessions will deal with Jewish education in the next decade and the philosophy of the Conservative Movement. Many special plenary sessions, workshops and seminars are also planned which should be of interest to the representatives of over 720 affiliated congregations who will attend the convention. Representatives from Park Avenue Synagogue will include Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board, Saul Godwin, vice-chairman of the Board, Israel B. Oseas, chairman of the Committee on Conservative Judaism, Milton M. Sivek, treasurer, Asa D. Sokolow, chairman of the Law Committee, and Archie Thurman, chairman of the Ritual Committee.

Service November 10 To Welcome New Members

At the Friday night service on November 10, 1961, fifty-nine families who have joined Park Avenue Synagogue recently will be welcomed to the congregation. Although a social function in honor of the new members has taken place, this service will be the first religious occasion marking the association of these families with the congregation.

Rabbi Nadich's sermon that evening will be of particular interest to new members of the congregation as well as to veteran members.

Following this service, an *Oneg Shabbat* tea and reception will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium in honor of the new members and their families. They will be asked to rise for a bow as they are introduced to the other members of the congregation, who, it is to be hoped, will turn out in goodly numbers to welcome the newest members of our synagogue family.

The chairman of the Membership Committee is Mr. Harry Halbren. He and his committee are to be congratulated for the fine service they have rendered the congregation.

We welcome the fifty-nine new families most cordially and hope that they will enjoy many years of happy and fruitful association with our congregation and with us all.

Rabbi Nadich Author Of Article on Dr. Kaplan

In the Jewish Book Annual for 1961-62 that has just been published, an article appears entitled "The Writings of Mordecai M. Kaplan" which was written by Rabbi Nadich.

The Jewish world recently celebrated the 80th birthday of Professor Kaplan, and the article describes his creative literary works of the past fifty years.

The Jewish Book Annual which is published by the Jewish Book Council of America, is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Change Of Address

Members of the congregation are requested to notify the office promptly (telephone EN 9-2600) when a change of address has been made or is being contemplated.

Adult Education Courses Make Good Beginning

The courses offered for men and women by the Adult Education Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue have just begun, marked by good attendance. For some of these courses it is not too late to start now if you have not come thus far.

The next three lectures by Rabbi Nadich in the series "Great Controversies throughout Jewish History" will take place on Tuesday mornings from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, as follows: October 31—False Messiahs, November 7 (Election Day)—*Hassidism: Revolt of the Masses*, November 21—Orthodox, Reform and Conservative Judaism.

Three excellent and popular instructors have attracted a good number of students to their respective courses: Beginners Hebrew for men and women on Monday evenings 7:15 to 8:45 p.m., and 2nd Year Hebrew for men and women with an elementary knowledge, on Mondays from 8:45 to 10:15 p.m., both with Dr. Aaron Giat; Beginners Hebrew for women on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 with Mrs. Milton Finkel, and 2nd year Hebrew for women on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 also with Mrs. Finkel; 3rd Year Hebrew on Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 with Dr. Giat; and on Wednesday evenings in alternate weeks, at 8:30 p.m., the Book of Job with Dr. Max Rothschild.

The Hebrew language courses will each consist of 20 sessions, and will be held weekly. The Wednesday evening Bible course will consist of ten sessions which will take place every other week.

Men and women desirous of joining any of these courses are urged to start at once so as not to lose too much ground. Telephone the office for further information, or come early to the next session of the class and give your name to the instructor. The next session of the Bible course in the Book of Job will take place Wednesday evening, November 1.

These courses are offered free of charge by Park Avenue Synagogue through its Adult Education Committee whose chairman is Colonel Irvin Waldman.

Ceremonial and Gift Shop

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(AT 9-5500)

Martin Leichtling Named Executive Secretary



MARTIN LEICHTLING

Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has announced the appointment of Martin Leichtling as Executive Secretary of Park Avenue Synagogue.

Mr. Leichtling, who is well known to our congregants, has served as principal of the Religious School since September, 1948 when he became the first principal of the school. Over the years, the Religious School has become immeasurably strengthened under his guidance, and today it is recognized as one of the best schools in the city.

Mr. Leichtling has a fine educational background. A graduate of the College of the City of New York, he received his M.A. degree in Political Science from Columbia University. For many years he has been on the staff of Seward Park High School where he taught history and economics and acted as chairman of Programming. He has also taught classes in the religious schools of several synagogues including Temple Israel of Lawrence, Long Island.

Martin, as he is known to so many of us, has endeared himself to our congregants not only because of his friendly, gracious personality, but because of his keen interest and participation in the many activities of the congregation.

To him and his charming wife, Edith, to his children, Ann and Marc, we extend a warm welcome. We know that his assumption of his new position as Executive Secretary of Park Avenue Synagogue will be marked with distinction and devotion and that our synagogue will be immensely enriched by his talents.

We Take Pride In Our Members...

Dr. Werner J. Cahnman, who has been appointed Visiting Associate Professor at Rutgers University. He is on leave this year from Yeshiva University.

Mrs. O. Roy Chalk and Mrs. Arthur B. Krim, who were vice-chairmen of the United Nations Ball held on United Nations Day, October 24, at the Waldorf Astoria.

Mrs. David Fogelson, who won an award for a piece of her sculpture, "Ye Shall Multiply", exhibited at the Parke-Bernet Galleries for the benefit of the United Jewish Appeal.

Dr. Lotte-Liese Horn, who has received a full fellowship in the College of Hospital Administrators. She has been serving for a number of years as the Deputy Executive Administrator of the Goldwater Memorial Hospital.

District Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who was recently appointed by President Kennedy to one of the new places on the Circuit Court Bench.

General Melvin L. Krulwich, who has been appointed chairman of the New York City USO Campaign Committee for the 1961 drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List, who have given a Rouault oil painting, "Le Chinois", to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The painting is said to be the most valuable single acquisition ever received by the Museum.

Mr. Maurice Sohn, who has been elected by the Board of Directors of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants to serve as one of five directors on the Executive Committee of the Society.

Dr. Jonathan Uhr, who has been appointed a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation.

Mr. Joe Weinstein, who has been appointed treasurer of the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds.

Hebrew Speaking Circle

The Hebrew Speaking Circle of Park Avenue Synagogue will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. Renee Hurtig, 405 East 74 Street on Thursday, November 9, at 8:30 p.m.

The group will continue its study of the poems of Bialik. A knowledge of Hebrew is required for participation in the course.

— Alexander Richman

Men's Club News

With the Election Showcase meeting of October 25 over—and a very interesting, well attended meeting it was—the Men's Club is now looking forward to its next meeting which will be held on Tuesday evening, November 28. The meeting arranged by Herman Postel, chairman of the Program Committee, will be devoted to a discussion of the pride of the Men's Club—the daily Minyan. Rabbi Nadich will talk on the significance of the daily chapel service, its importance to members of the Club, the synagogue and the community, and the tremendous effect of its continuance for three years and two summers.

This meeting will be the occasion for the well deserved recognition of those who have made this service possible by giving and keeping their pledges of attendance—and in many cases, by coming to the service without prior pledges.

There will be a third feature which promises to be most entertaining. Details will be given in the next Bulletin. Please reserve the date—November 28, 8:30 p.m.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

Parents Association

Open Meeting—Nov. 15

On Wednesday evening, November 15, the Parents Association will hold its first open meeting of the year. Under the able guidance of our Program chairman, Mrs. James Sasmor, an interesting and informative evening has been planned. "Learn What Your Child Is Learning" will be the theme of the evening.

Parents will be taken on an imaginary tour through classes from the first day their children enter the first grade through the day they become *Bar Mitzvah*. Mr. Martin Leichtling, executive secretary of the congregation, and members of the faculty of the Religious School will speak. Following the discussion, there will be a question and answer period. Parents will also be afforded an opportunity to discuss the progress their children are making in their classes with the teachers of the school.

A traditional Hanukkah table setting by our very talented Mrs. Robert Altman will be on display. An added feature will be an exhibition of books which parents can purchase in advance of the annual Book Fair sponsored by the Parents Association, which formally will open on November 12 and will continue through November 19.

We extend a cordial invitation to all to join us on the evening of November 15.

— Abby Kirsch

Sisterhood News: Luncheon — Theatre Party, Nov. 29

By this time, all Sisterhood members and friends have received their books for the annual Luncheon and Theatre Party. The sale of one book of twenty-five chances for \$25 entitles you to a wonderful afternoon — lunch in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Sheraton Astor and a matinee ticket for a brand-new, hit musical show. The big day is Wednesday, November 29.

Sisterhood is maintaining its tradition of the best in entertainment at these annual functions. Under their auspices, you have seen such shows as "Teahouse of the August Moon," "Auntie Mame," "The Flower Drum Song," "Take Me Along," "Camelot"—to name only a few. Now Sisterhood is proud to add still another hit to this illustrious list.

"Kean," a romantic musical comedy starring Alfred Drake, has received rave notices on its out-of-town opening. The *Boston Traveler* writes: "'Kean' is keen . . . it has every ingredient for a smash hit—it's sophisticated fun in an imaginative production, set richly as befits the period . . . The star builds the beautifully written role to a stunning finale . . . But above all he sings, and Robert Wright and George Forrest have given him some good songs. 'Sweet Danger,' 'Elena' and 'To Look Upon My Love' should prove popular . . . Mr. Drake, however, is not alone in the appeal of his performance—he has wonderful help from Lee Venora, Oliver Gray, Joan Weldon, and Patricia Cutts . . . Some nice comedy is contributed by a trio of

Kean's company: Christopher Hewett, Robert Penn and Arthur Rubin. They are the show-stoppers with 'The Fog and the Grog'. . . Jack Cole's staging, along with his choreography, provides much movement and color . . . The designs by Ed Wittstein earned their own applause . . . The book by Peter Stone, from Sartre's comedy based on a play by Alexandre Dumas, is as bright as it is thoughtful."

This hit show is a "must" for you to see. If you have not already done so, send your check *now* to Mrs. Samuel Gellert, Treasurer of Luncheon, 170 East 61 Street, New York 22.

As an added bonus, the purchase of your ticket also affords you the opportunity of winning one of five exciting prizes: a 14 kt. gold bracelet, a diamond and pearl ring, a diamond and pearl pendant, a 14 kt. gold wrist watch, and a 14 kt. gold and ruby pin.

Open Meeting—Nov. 14

Mrs. Judah Nadich will be the speaker at the Sisterhood Open Meeting on Tuesday, November 14. In honor of Jewish Book Month, which is being celebrated throughout the country, she will review several Jewish novels of current interest. Those who have heard Mrs. Nadich on other occasions know what a literary treat is in store for them.

Another date to remember is Friday, November 17, Sisterhood Sabbath, at which time Judge Sylvia Liese will be the guest speaker.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Religious School News of Interest To Parents and Students

The Hebrew Department of the Religious School will not conduct classes on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7.

Central High School

The Milton Steinberg Central High School of Jewish Studies has been in session since the last week in September.

The educational program of the school and the interest engendered by the faculty has resulted in an enthusiastic approach by the students to their studies. Most of the students are enrolled in the full program which means attendance on Sunday morning and on Wednesday evening.

The school, sponsored by Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Park Avenue Synagogue and the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, has also embarked upon a special program which will be held in each of the institutions. An *Oneg*

Shabbat during *Sukkot* was held at B'nai Jeshurun. For their *Hanukkah* party, the students will come to Park Avenue Synagogue.

The students from Park Avenue Synagogue, who, in the words of Rabbi Paul Ritterband, principal, "have come very well prepared and motivated to begin their studies on the high school level" are: Jonathan Altman, Lionel Barasch, Lloyd Bloom, Jeffrey Dell, Andrew Duell, Elizabeth Kramon, Fay Mergrun, Sande Milton, Emile Pincus, Jon Rosenblatt and Diane Samuel.

Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah lists for children who will be thirteen from August 1962 through June 1963 have been prepared. If you have not been notified of an assigned date, please notify the Religious School office at once.

— Martin Leichtling

New Members Welcomed At Reception

On Sunday, October 22, the Officers, Trustees and Advisory Council of Park Avenue Synagogue held a reception and cocktail party for members who have recently joined the congregation.

The Sisterhood Lounge and the Lemberg Auditorium buzzed with conviviality and excitement as old members greeted new members and introduced them to those present. Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich, Hazzan and Mrs. David J. Putterman and Hazzan Abraham Friedman extended warm greetings. Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board, and Mrs. Katz; Mr. Jacob Klein, president of the synagogue, and Mrs. Klein; and a number of trustees and members of the Advisory Council were on hand to welcome the guests. Our staff was well represented by Mr. Martin Leichtling, executive secretary, and Mrs. Leichtling; and Mr. Irving Goldberg, Youth Director, and Mrs. Goldberg.

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, extended a cordial welcome to the guests in behalf of the trustees and acquainted them with the many activities which the synagogue offers. He expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Sol E. Green, who, as chairman, had worked so zealously with her committee to make the reception such a success.

Rabbi Nadich greeted the guests and expressed the hope that the new members would become actively identified with the congregation by participating in all congregational events—social as well as religious.

To Mrs. Sol E. Green, chairman, and to Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz, co-chairman, Park Avenue Synagogue expresses its appreciation for arranging such a delightful party. The beautiful table decorations and arrangements were the result of the creative talent of Mrs. Milton M. Sivek whose original, floral centerpieces won the admiration of the guests.

The members of the committee who so ably assisted Mrs. Green and Mrs. Katz were Mrs. Joseph E. Cohen, Mrs. Samuel Lemberg, Mrs. David J. Mendelsohn, Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel and Mrs. Milton M. Sivek.

Park Avenue Synagogue is indeed happy to welcome all its new friends and to extend to each a very hearty welcome.

— RMR

Welcome To New Members

Park Avenue Synagogue takes pleasure in welcoming the new members who have affiliated with our congregation this year. We hope that their association with the synagogue will be inspiring and mutually beneficial.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Barnett

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baum

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Berman

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bernstein

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bernstein

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney E. Blank

Mrs. Sheryl Brandt

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brock

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Chandler

Mr. Michael G. Cohen

Mrs. Helen Crystal

Mr. and Mrs. Barrie Damson

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Danenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dworman

Mrs. Diane Endelson

Mr. and Mrs. Max Feld

Dr. and Mrs. Mattis Fern

Mrs. Jean Fishman

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Freeman

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Friedman

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gingold

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Ginsberg

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Green

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Herman

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hausman

Mr. Clement Hausman

Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Hollander

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Holzer

Mr. and Mrs. Morris L. Judson

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kapner

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kessler

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kornblau

Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Kulik

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Leiman

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Levine

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Levitt

Mr. and Mrs. Egon Loewy

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Melchior

Mrs. Jeannette H. Percy

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Robbins

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham N. Rosen

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Rosner

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schackman

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schein

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Schwartz

Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Shafer

Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman

Mrs. Ruth Speciner

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sternbach

Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Suchman

Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Ullmann

Mrs. Josephine Wacht

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Wachtel

Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Weber

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Westin

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney L. Wolkenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yadgaroff

Mr. and Mrs. Irving S. Zaplin

Samuel Lemberg Honored At Federation Dinner

Samuel Lemberg, a trustee of our synagogue, was recently honored at the Opening Dinner at the Summit Hotel of the Brooklyn Division of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

Mr. Lemberg, an inspiring leader in every vital communal effort, a member of Federation's Distribution Committee for fifteen years and a Fellow of Brandeis University, climaxed his philanthropic career by his election as a vice-president of Federation in 1960.

The dinner was attended by many members of our synagogue among whom were Harry Zeitz, chairman of the Brooklyn Division and by Gustave Yuder and Fred Zeitz of the Advisory Council of the Brooklyn Division. Rabbi Judah Nadich gave the invocation before the dinner.

The Wisdom of the Rabbis

The Holy Spirit rests only on him who has a joyous heart.

—Palestinian Talmud, *Sukkot* 5

Addresses of College Students Wanted

If your son or daughter is away at college and not on our college mailing list, will you be good enough to send us the name and address. We are particularly eager to receive the names and addresses of our young people who are freshmen at college, and of those who have changed colleges.

The synagogue Bulletin is mailed to our sons and daughters at college out of town. They will also be receiving invitations to our annual midwinter college reception and our annual college homecoming service.

Names not now on the college list, together with the college address and the year of graduation, may be sent to the office of the Youth Activities Director at the synagogue.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, November 34:31 p.m.
Friday, November 104:23 p.m.

Books at a Glance

The Cohen Library is eager to promote the aim of the Jewish Book Council which sponsors Jewish Book Month by offering its readers interesting and informative books, many of which have come in since its reopening after the summer recess. It is hoped that ample use will be made of our new acquisitions, for they often open new vistas on such timely questions as Jewish art, the political situation of the Jews in Soviet Russia, ancient and modern history, and other fields. Of course, for lighter reading, there is also a sizable number of the latest Jewish novels. The following survey includes only a small selection of these books:

Cecil Roth, ed., *Jewish Art. An Illustrated History*. This work, consisting of 21 essays by experts from various countries, refutes the conception that the Jews were prevented by their religion from developing a representative art of their own. It traces the slow transition from strict prohibition against any representation of the human body to its free depiction in works of art. The contribution of the Jews to Palestinian art in ancient times and the relation of Jewish art to the Moslem world as well as to Spain in the Middle Ages are dealt with. The book also surveys Jewish artists in contemporary painting, sculpture, and architecture.

B. Z. Goldberg, *The Jewish Problem in the Soviet Union. An Analysis and Solution*. The author traces the Russian attitude toward the Jews through history, thereby shedding light also on the present behavior of the Soviet government. He describes the trials and executions of Jewish intellectuals, the discrimination against them, and the religious restrictions to which the Jews were subjected. A solution of these difficulties is then offered.

Joseph B. Schechtman, *Star in Eclipse. Russian Jewry Revisited*. This is an eyewitness report on the present condition of the Jews in Soviet Russia by an author who was permitted to travel freely in that country and to observe the cultural and social activities of the Jewish communities there.

Ernst L. Freud, ed., *Letters of Sigmund Freud. Selected and edited by Ernest L. Freud*. The editor, a son of the famous scientist, has included in this book 315 letters from his father to such important personalities as Albert Einstein, Thomas Mann, Stefan Zweig, H. G. Wells, Romain Rolland, and, above all, Freud's very interesting love-letters to

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Haft upon the birth of a grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Godwin upon the birth of a grandson, Adam Michael Frost.

Hon. and Mrs. Nathaniel Goldstein upon their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kaplan upon their forty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Klein upon their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Emma Luebeck upon the birth of a great grandson, Joel Harold; and to Mrs. Alfred Luebeck upon the birth of a grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Raticoff upon the birth of a granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Schnee upon the birth of a grandson, David Michael Schnee.

Mrs. Julia H. Steiner upon the birth of a grandson, Michael Scott Steiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Ullmann upon their thirty-fifth anniversary.

A Gracious Gesture

In honor of their son's Bar Mitzvah, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney R. Nussenfeld have sent a generous check "to the Religious School which has done so much for Harold." The check will be applied to the Scholarship Fund of the Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School.

Proceeds from this scholarship fund are used for the payment of the tuition of such students in the school whose parents cannot afford to pay their tuition or can pay only a partial sum. During 1960-1961, the Scholarship Fund Committee granted full or partial scholarships amounting to approximately \$1200 to eighteen students to be applied toward their religious education.

his wife, Martha Bernays, during the four years of their engagement.

Paul E. Kahle, *The Cairo Genizah*, second edition. This very learned book by a renowned Christian scholar evaluates the precious treasure of old manuscripts, printed books, documents, and letters found in the Genizah—a room without doors and windows—in the old Cairo synagogue, where they had been stored for hundreds of years. These researches are an important contribution to the study of the Bible text.

— Hilde Kisch, librarian

Thinking Ahead

Recently in response to several requests in reference to the availability of cemetery grounds for congregants of Park Avenue Synagogue, Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee, and Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum, co-chairman, pointed out the following facts:

"One of the services offered by the synagogue with which we feel you ought to become acquainted is the availability, for members only, of cemetery grounds in the midst of surroundings of dignity and beauty. We refer to the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery, Westchester County. We suggest that you give thought to making arrangements for the inevitable requirement of all families—burial grounds—well in advance of the time the need arises.

"Should you be interested in graves or plots in our cemetery, please phone the executive secretary of Park Avenue Synagogue, Mr. Martin Leichtling, at the synagogue office (EN 9-2600). We are confident that you will find him helpful in assisting you to meet your requirements."

Condolences

Mr. George Crook, our organist, upon the death of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Dubin upon the death of their grandson.

Mr. Irving N. Epstein upon the death of his brother, Dr. Sidney S. Epstein.

Mrs. Ethel Pepper and Mrs. Ruth Levin upon the death of their father, Harry Rubinsky.

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Rabbi Nadich To Speak On "Arab Refugees: On Whose Conscience?"

At the present session of the United Nations, the delegations from the several Arab states are making a determined effort, greater than ever before, to have the question of the Arab refugees discussed at length. Their purpose, of course, is to attempt to persuade the world that Israel is at fault. They hope that enough international pressure will be exerted upon Israel as a result of Arab efforts so as to compel Israel to open its doors wide to approximately one million Arabs. Such an eventuality would make impossible the viability of the Jewish state.

Several prominent liberal spokesmen in America, misled by Arab propaganda, have taken up the cudgels on behalf of the Arab cause.

Rabbi Nadich will discuss this topic at the Friday night service on November 24. Since this Friday evening will fall during the Thanksgiving weekend when many of our young people will be home from college, a cordial invitation is extended to parents and children alike to attend this service.

Judge Sylvia J. Liese of Domestic Relations Court Will Be The Guest Speaker At Sisterhood Friday Evening Service, November 17, At 8:30 P. M.

On Friday evening, November 17, Sisterhood will observe its special Sisterhood Sabbath at the Friday evening service at 8:30 p.m. As usual, the service



JUDGE SYLVIA J. LIESE

will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman.

The guest speaker, Judge Sylvia J. Liese, is a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue. She is a Justice of the Domestic Relations Court of the City of New York, a board member of the United Neighborhood Houses, of Citizens' Committee for Children, and of the Wiltwyck School. She was graduated from Barnard College in 1930 and married in the same year. When she matriculated at Columbia Law School in 1943, she already had three children all of whom were in school. She was graduated from law school in 1945 as a Kent scholar and became an Assistant District Attorney of New York County, which post she held until 1955 when she was appointed to the Court of Domestic Relations.

Judge Liese's topic, "How We Succeed in Appearing Smug without Really Trying," should prove both provocative and stimulating. It will deal with the obligation of Jews to serve the community in general as well as the Jewish community. We are proud of the competent women in our synagogue family, and we know that you will be particularly interested in what Judge Liese has to say. A question and answer period in the Lemberg Auditorium, upon the completion of the service, will enable the congregation to participate in the discussion of the topic.

Members of Sisterhood who will participate in the service are the president, Mrs. Max Zahler; vice president, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, and the past presidents: Mesdames Sol E. Green, Milton Heller, William Karmiol, Edward Peiper, Sigmund A. Siegel, and Samuel Wimpfheimer.

Mrs. Harold Osserman will be in charge of the *Oneg Shabbat* and will be assisted by members of Sisterhood, Mrs. Max August and members of ORT.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, November 17 8:30 p.m.

Annual Sisterhood Service

**Judge Sylvia Liese will speak on
"How We Succeed in Appearing Smug
Without Really Trying"**

Oneg Shabbat tea following service

Saturday morning, November 18 9:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Henry Levy
son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Levy**

Friday evening, November 24 8:30 p.m.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"THE ARAB REFUGEES — ON WHOSE CONSCIENCE?"**

Saturday morning, November 25 9:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Stephen B. Schmidt
son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt**

*Rabbi Nadich will conduct the services together with
Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir
with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

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Jewish Theological Seminary Of America

The Bulletin is happy to add a new feature which will bring to our readers information of interest about the Jewish Theological Seminary. At a recent Board Meeting, Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman, appointed a special committee to foster the Seminary program in our congregation. Mr. I. M. Cohen and Mr. Reuben R. Kaufman are co-chairmen of this committee.

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, which was founded in 1887, is the core of the Conservative Movement. In its Rabbinical Department, Teachers Institute, Seminary College of Jewish Studies, Cantors Institute and Seminary College of Jewish Music, young men and women are trained for careers as rabbis, teachers, cantors and community leaders.

The location of the Seminary campus makes it a member of that distinguished group of academic and ecclesiastical institutions on Morningside Heights which includes Barnard College, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Columbia University, Corpus Christi Church, Juilliard School of Music, The National Council of the Churches of Christ, Riverside Church, Teachers College and Union Theological Seminary.

Impetus for the creation of the Seminary came from Dr. Sabato Morais, a Philadelphia rabbi, who recognized the need for a native Jewish center of learning if Judaism were to survive in America. Dr. Morais won to his cause an influential group of rabbis, scholars and laymen. The group incorporated The Jewish Theological Seminary Association in 1886. Classes started the following year in the vestry rooms of Congregation Shearith Israel in New York. That same year the Seminary moved to Cooper Union where it remained for four years. For another ten years it occupied a brownstone residential building. In 1901,

a group of prominent Jewish philanthropists, led by Jacob H. Schiff, Leonard Lewisohn and Daniel Guggenheim established The Jewish Theological Seminary of America into which the older organization merged. The reorganized Seminary moved a block away from its present quarters. The directors called Dr. Solomon Schechter from Cambridge University in England to be the new president of the Seminary.

Distinguished Faculty

Renowned as the world's foremost Jewish scholar and the discoverer of the Cairo Genizah, Dr. Schechter envisioned the Seminary as a center of traditional yet scientific Jewish scholarship. President Schechter (1902-1915) brought to the Seminary a distinguished new faculty. As professor of Talmud, he appointed Dr. Louis Ginzberg, who had recently come to America. From Europe he brought Dr. Alexander Marx as professor of history, Dr. Israel Friedlaender as professor of Bible, Dr. Joseph Mayer Asher as professor of Homiletics. The Rabbinical School was transformed into a graduate school, its curriculum was reorganized and a program of advanced study leading to the doctorate was instituted. In 1909, President Schechter established the Teachers Institute, with Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan at its head.

Under Dr. Cyrus Adler (1915-1940), who succeeded Dr. Schechter as president, the Seminary maintained the position of scholarly preeminence won for it by President Schechter. A renowned faculty drawn from Europe, Israel and America, with an unsurpassed library at its disposal, has produced many works of fundamental scholarly importance. Today the Seminary has nearly 700 students in its regular academic departments and a faculty, full and part-time, of 71 men and women.

Professors Mordecai M. Kaplan, Simon Greenberg, Max Arzt, Saul Lieberman, H. L. Ginsberg, Shalom Spiegel, Boaz Cohen, Abraham Joshua Heschel and Chaim Zalman Dimitrovsky are among the distinguished scholars who guide the students today. Heading the Seminary since 1941 is Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor and President of the Faculties.

Through its many diversified departments, the Seminary continues to uphold the precepts of its charter—the perpetuation of historic tenets of the Jewish religion. In addition to its accredited academic departments, such extension departments as the Seminary School of Jewish Studies, the Women's Institute

and extension divisions at the University of Judaism, the Seminary's west coast branch established in 1947, train leaders to serve in American Jewish communities. Working through its affiliated organizations, the United Synagogue and the Rabbinical Assembly, the Seminary offers a variety of services to congregations and schools.

Institute of Graduate Studies

Aware always of the universal aspects of Judaism, the Seminary established The Institute for Religious and Social Studies, a graduate school conducted with the cooperation of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant scholars for the purpose of developing a keener awareness of the unique contributions which the various religious traditions have made to the advancement of civilization, and can make toward solution of the perplexities of our day.

The Seminary's Eternal Light radio and television series, its unparalleled library of Judaica and Hebraica, and The Jewish Museum, treasure house of Judaism's ceremonial objects, promote widespread appreciation and understanding of Judaism among all Americans.

In more than seventy years of service to the Jewish community, the Seminary has expanded from a single rabbinical training school to a university of Jewish studies embracing five collegiate departments and two extension departments. The Seminary is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Reconstructionist Dinner November 19

The annual dinner of the Reconstructionist Foundation will take place on Sunday evening, November 19, at the Hotel Pierre. The dinner will climax the celebrations in honor of the 80th birthday of Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, and will also honor Rabbi Jack Cohen upon his forthcoming departure from this country to take up his duties as director of the Hillel Foundation at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The guest speaker at the dinner will be Dr. Arthur J. Lelyveld of Cleveland, former national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations.

A number of members of Park Avenue Synagogue are planning to attend the dinner. Those who would like to join their ranks or would wish further information are asked to get in touch with the synagogue office immediately.

Sisterhood News

Theater Party — Nov. 29

Time is growing short—and so is the supply of tickets—for “Kean,” Sisterhood’s latest addition to the long line of hit shows shown at their once-a-year Donor Luncheon and Theater Party.

The Big Day—the day for which you have all been waiting—is Wednesday, November 29. Starting at 11 o’clock with a delicious luncheon at the Hotel Astor and ending with a performance of “Kean,” a fine program has been planned for your entertainment.

“Kean,” a gay, romantic musical comedy starring Alfred Drake, has been called “exciting, fascinating theater” by the *Boston Evening American*.

The Boston Herald writes: “‘Kean’ is a big, bountiful, beautiful and tuneful show, sometimes romantic, sometimes amusing and quite often exciting, alike for the performances and for the style and spirit with which it has been staged by Jack Cole . . . Indeed, for singable tunes, for spectacle and for solid entertainment, ‘Kean’ is the show.”

From *The Boston Globe*: “‘Kean’ is the first musical since ‘My Fair Lady’ to send you out of the theater with a lift in your heart.”

There are not many tickets left so if you have not already done so, send in your check *now* to Mrs. Samuel Gellert, treasurer of Luncheon, 170 East 61 Street, New York 22.

As an added bonus, the purchase of your ticket also affords you the opportunity of winning one of five exciting prizes: a 14 kt. gold bracelet, a diamond and pearl ring, a diamond and pearl pendant, a 14 kt. gold wrist watch, and a 14 kt. gold and ruby pin.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Time for Remembering With Hanukkah Gifts

What finer occasion than *Hanukkah* to present a dear one with a very special gift! Sisterhood’s Gift Shop offers for sale many ceremonial and Israeli articles which make charming gifts. There are also delightful presents for the youngsters you want to remember at this holiday season as well as for older friends.

Mrs. Milton Heller, chairman of the Gift Shop, is happy to serve you. Please phone her (AT 9-5500).

Men’s Club to Present “Isaac Levi” at Meeting Nov. 28



Scene from Opera, “Isaac Levi”, rendered in English.

The next meeting of the Men’s Club will be held on November 28, and will feature three events. First, there will be a talk by Rabbi Judah Nadich on the *Minyan*, the project of which the Men’s Club is justly proud. Then there will be the presentation of one hundred Certificates of Honor which will be awarded to those who have contributed to the maintenance of the daily service during the past three years by their regular attendance.

The third feature of the meeting will be the presentation in English of “Isaac Levi”, a one act opera. This is a contemporary treatment of the famous Reb Levi Yitzhok of Berdichev. “Isaac Levi” is the story of an American chaplain who, upon his return from World War

II, refused to resume his place on the pulpit of his synagogue on the eve of Yom Kippur. During his trials, the various conflicts which confront contemporary man are discussed. The libretto for “Isaac Levi” was written by Ray Smolover; the music by Frederick Pickett.

The Atlantic City Press says of this opera “that it proves beyond all doubt that English is not only singable and melodic, but dramatic as well.”

Since this meeting is of such special interest, the Men’s Club cordially invites the ladies to attend. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting. The date again—Tuesday evening, November 28, promptly at 8:30 p.m.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

Annual Hanukkah Party — Saturday Eve., December 2

Park Avenue Synagogue once again cordially invites its members to attend the annual gala *Hanukkah* Party on Saturday evening, December 2. This year the party will be a dance, and a fine band will be featured.

Those who have previously attended our synagogue *Hanukkah* parties know that they are gay in keeping with the spirit of this holiday of joy and rededication. The party will be limited to Park Avenue Synagogue members only, and the invitation which will soon arrive in the mail, will be required for admission. Complete details will appear in the next Bulletin.

The following are in charge of plans for this festive evening: Dr. Julius J. Leichtling, chairman, who will be assisted by the following committee: Mrs. Robert Altman, Dr. Mattis Fern, Mr. Leon Klein, Mr. Samuel Bernstein, Mrs. Arthur H. Bienenstock, Mrs. Sheryl M. Brandt, Mr. Abraham E. Goll, Mr. Martin Leichtling, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, Mrs. Jacob Starr.

Please reserve the date, Saturday, December 2, 1961 and plan to join in the merrymaking.

Religious School News

Thanksgiving Recess

The Religious School will not conduct classes from Friday, November 24 through Sunday, November 26.

Parents to Meet Teachers

The Parents will have their first opportunity to speak to the teachers at the Parents Association Open Meeting on November 15 at 8:00 p.m.

Jewish National Fund

The students of the Religious School will participate in the annual drive of the Jewish National Fund during the months of November and December. The money contributed by our children will help J. N. F. to "Tame and Reclaim the Negev."

The Jewish National Fund can look back on sixty years of achievement in redeeming and reclaiming the soil of Israel for the Jewish people. It now looks forward to the challenge of the peaceful conquest of the Negev, the desert that stretches over half of the territory of Israel, from Beersheba to Eilat.

Called by President Kennedy, "one of Zionism's most constructive achievements," the Jewish National Fund has a great task to accomplish in making the wasteland spring to life, so that hundreds of thousands of immigrants yet to arrive in Israel may work and live in peace.

The students in the school will, in a series of lessons, discuss the purposes and achievements of the J. N. F. and its significance to the State of Israel; agriculture and tree-planting, and the meaning of *Tzedakah* in Jewish life.

— Martin Leichtling

Calendar of Events

Sisterhood—Evening Service

Friday, November 17

Sisterhood Brunch-Theater Party

Wednesday, November 29

Men's Club—Meeting

Tuesday, November 28

Hanukkah Party, Saturday, December 2

College Cocktail Party

Tuesday, December 26

College Home-coming Service

Friday, December 29

Change of Address

Members of the congregation are requested to notify the office promptly (telephone EN 9-2600) when a change of address has been made or is being contemplated.

Federation Appoints Rabbi to Committee On Religious Affairs

The newly revised by-laws of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York have made provision for a Committee on Religious Affairs. Rabbi Nadich has been appointed a member of this committee by Mr. Lawrence A. Wien, president of the Federation. Judge Matthew M. Levy has been appointed chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Club

The special feature of the November 20 meeting of the Mr. and Mrs. Club will be an evening with Hazzan David J. Putterman, who will address the group and will sing several selections. Those who have heard Hazzan Putterman on other occasions know what a delightful evening is in store for them. The Club cordially invites the entire congregation to attend this meeting.

Following their successful cocktail party, the Mr. and Mrs. Club had the opportunity of hearing a stimulating discussion on "Preserving the Jewish Family in a Time of Change." The speaker, Mr. Kessler, reaffirmed many traditions that link the present to the past, and the American Jew to his faith.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club proudly notes its sponsorship of the Bible Study Group, which heretofore has met at the homes of individual members. Due to vastly increased interest, the group now meets in the synagogue on alternate Wednesday evenings. The next meeting will take place on November 29 at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

— Mattis Fern

A Twinge of Conscience

Recently there came to Rabbi Nadich's desk a note from someone who admitted having stolen a pair of shears from the synagogue when he had worked on construction of the Milton Steinberg House years ago. Accompanying the shears was a dollar bill and a note saying that his conscience had troubled him for six years and that he now wished to make amends. The editor, of course, will not draw the evident moral, but it was a heart-warming incident in this often too heedless world.

Parents Association

Class Mothers Appointed

It is with great pleasure that the Parents Association announces the appointments of the Class Mothers for the school year 1961-62. Mrs. Albert Cornell, chairman, and her co-chairmen, Mrs. Norbert Acker and Mrs. Leon Pordy, in appointing the mothers, explained the importance of their acting as a very significant liaison between the children, the faculty, and the parents. Helping with the Sabbath *Kiddush*, holiday celebrations, and being available to assist in class functions are a few of the duties which the Class Mother performs.

Primary Classes

1A—Mrs. Alan Davidson, Mrs. Edward Munves Jr.

1B—Mrs. Abraham E. Goll, Mrs. Jerome S. Mittelman, Mrs. Mitchell Polsteir

2A—Mrs. Daniel O. Schube, Mrs. Julius Schwimmer, Mrs. Irving Abramowitz

2B—Mrs. Wilbur A. Cowett, Mrs. Harold Kingsberg

3—Mrs. Michael Perlman, Mrs. Norman Schvey, Mrs. Kenneth Simon

4—Mrs. Irving Kapner, Mrs. Ronald Silver

Hebrew Department

1A—Mrs. Robert E. Kirsch, Mrs. Donald Schlesinger

1T—Mrs. Jerome Kleinman, Mrs. Leonard Rosenbluth

1B—Mrs. Joseph L. Lehman, Mrs. Lewis Patlin

2A—Mrs. Ernest Einiger, Mrs. Howard Engelhardt, Mrs. Robert Fairberg

2B—Mrs. A. Irwin Grantz, Mrs. Dick Milton, Mrs. David Winer

3A—Mrs. Herbert Berger, Mrs. Sanford Levine

3B—Mrs. Joseph Baum, Mrs. Morris Ginsberg, Mrs. Lawrence Kerstein

4A—Mrs. Jacob Applebaum, Mrs. Arnold Greenwald

4B—Mrs. Kenneth Ellis, Mrs. Max Wal-tuch

Annual Book Fair

The Book Fair, sponsored annually by the Parents Association, began on November 12 and will continue every afternoon from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. through November 19. Mrs. Sheryl Brandt is chairman and Mrs. Gertrude Zaff co-chairman. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase the most recent books of Jewish thought and interest.

— Abby Kirsch

Books at a Glance

A selection of recent acquisitions by the Cohen Library:

Judith Kramer and Seymour Leventman, *Children of the Gilded Ghetto*. This is an analysis of the social structure of the Jewish-minority community and of the problems faced by three changing generations: the orthodox immigrant grand-father, the father who leaves behind the traditions of religious orthodoxy, but without, for the most part, rejecting his Jewish identity, and his children who move from the "gilded ghetto" of their childhood to the suburbs, where they function increasingly in a gentile world.

Irving Fineman, *Woman of Valor. The Life of Henrietta Szold 1860-1945*. This biography of the great Zionist leader and founder of Hadassah, who through her work saved and helped thousands of Jewish children find a new and meaningful life, is also a vividly written report on her personal, intimate experiences.

Herbert Weiner, *The Wild Goats of Ein Gedi*. On his fourteen trips to Israel, the author investigated the religious life—Christian and Jewish—of Israel. On the basis of his observations and talks with the spiritual leaders of the country, he makes us familiar with the ideas and beliefs of the inhabitants of a land that has produced three great world religions.

Howard Morley Sachar, *Aliyah: The Peoples of Israel*. A personalized history of the emergence of the State of Israel as lived by fifteen people who share its destiny.

George Sklar, *The Identity of Dr. Frazier*. The unsuspected ambitions, jealousies, and above all, the strongly anti-Semitic feelings of a successful Gentile surgeon married to a Jewish wife, come to the surface after a heavy drinking bout. He and his wife, as well as his professional friends, face the problem of how to cope with the truth of his newly revealed identity.

Other novels that might be of special interest are Daniel Spicehandler, *Burnt Offering*; Gerda Charles, *The Crossing Point*; and Bernard Malamud, *A New Life*.

Library Hours

Sunday and Tuesday—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 P.M.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday—2:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

— Hilde Kisch, Librarian

Rabbi Nadich Lecture For Women Nov. 20

On Monday morning, November 20 at 11 o'clock, Rabbi Nadich will speak on "Unity in Diversity—Orthodox, Reform and Conservative Judaism." The lecture will end at 11:45, with a fifteen-minute discussion period to follow. All women are cordially invited to attend.

This lecture, a unit by itself, is the last in the series given by the rabbi under the general theme of "Great Controversies throughout Jewish History." A large and enthusiastic audience has attended the series, which has been sponsored by the Sisterhood under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edwin Davidson.

Exciting Course On The Book of Job

On alternate Wednesday evenings, a group of men and women has found the study of the Book of Job in the Bible an interesting pursuit, with ideas relevant to the problems of the individual in our own times.

Those who have not yet attended this course are invited to come to the next sessions, which will take place on Wednesday, November 29, promptly at 8:00 p.m. Students are reminded to bring a copy of the Bible. The lecturer and discussion leader is Dr. Max Rothschild, a noted and popular Bible teacher.

Although this course is sponsored by the Mr. and Mrs. Club of which Andrew L. Fier is president, all men and women are warmly invited to be present.

Addresses of College Students Wanted

If your son or daughter is away at college and not on our college mailing list, will you be good enough to send us the name and address. We are particularly eager to receive the names and addresses of our young people who are freshmen at college, and of those who have changed colleges. They will also be receiving invitations to our annual college reception and our annual college home-coming service.

Names not now on the college list, together with the college address and the year of graduation, may be sent to the office of the Youth Activities Director at the synagogue.

Tour of Israel Planned

An international convention of the World Council of Synagogues is scheduled to take place in Jerusalem on May 29-31, 1962. This organization is the newly formed body of Conservative synagogues in various countries of the world. The United Synagogue of America, together with the National Women's League and the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, is planning to participate in the convention.

The United Synagogue has chartered jet air transportation for delegates to the convention. Three plans are offered. Plan A will provide transportation from New York to Tel Aviv and return for \$485. Plan B will provide a 14-day all-expense trip to Israel including first-class hotels, all meals and sightseeing for \$765. Departures for Plans A and B will begin on May 20, and return will be fourteen days later. Plan C will cover all expenses for a thirty-day itinerary including transportation, hotels, meals and sightseeing during twenty days in Israel and ten days in Europe for \$1015.

These flights will be restricted to accredited delegates of the United Synagogue, the National Women's League, the National Federation of Men's Clubs and members of their immediate families.

Members of our congregation, Sisterhood and Men's Club interested in serving as delegates are asked to communicate with the synagogue office and speak to Martin Leichtling, executive secretary (EN 9-2600).

Boy Scout Exposition November 17, 18 and 19

The 1961 Scouting Exposition will take place at the New York Coliseum on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 17, 18 and 19. Troop No. 600 of Park Avenue Synagogue, Yorkville District, Manhattan Council, will sell tickets to the exposition.

The theme of the exposition this year is "Be Prepared—America". More than 30,000 cub scouts, boy scouts and explorers will participate in the show which will occupy all four floors of the building. Demonstrations such as camping, hobbies, crafts and science, plus physical fitness skills are only a few of the hundreds of Scouting activities to be presented. More than 800 cub packs, scout troops and explorer units will be represented at the exposition.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Graine upon the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Ellen, to Robert Ivan Shapiro.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Greenberg upon the engagement of their son, Charles Henry, to Doris Elaine Baskind.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfried Jacob upon the engagement of their daughter, Jane Leslie, to Charles I. Wexton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Raticoff upon the birth of a granddaughter.

Mrs. Ceil F. Selig and Mr. Milton Selig upon the birth of a granddaughter.

Dr. and Mrs. Erich Siegel upon the engagement of their daughter, Ann, to Zokrya Moradpour.

A Man and his Friends

A certain man had three friends, two of whom he loved dearly, and one whom he esteemed lightly. One day the king commanded his presence at court. He was greatly alarmed and tried to procure an advocate. Accordingly, he went to his two friends whom he loved; one flatly refused to accompany him; the other offered to go with him to the gate, but no farther. In his extremity, he called upon his third friend, whom he least esteemed. He not only went willingly, but so ably defended him before the king that he was acquitted.

In like manner, every man has three friends when Death summons him to appear before his Creator. His first friend whom he loves dearly, his money, cannot go a single step with him; his second, relations and neighbors, can accompany him only to the grave, but cannot defend him before the Judge. His third friend, however, whom he esteems least of all—his good deeds—goes with him before the King and obtains his acquittal.

—*The Man and His Three Friends*
From "A Book of Jewish Thoughts"



CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, November 174:17 p.m.
Friday, November 244:12 p.m.
Friday, December 14:10 p.m.

Our Cemetery Sharon Gardens



SHARON GARDENS

Members of Park Avenue Synagogue, who are considering arranging for burial grounds in the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery, will be pleased to know that rules and regulations to insure the best available upkeep of the cemetery have been adopted by our Board of Trustees.

These rules were adopted after much deliberation on the part of the Cemetery Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Saul Godwin and of Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum, co-chairman. Subsequently, they were set forth in appropriate phraseology by Mr. Asa D. Sokolow, chairman of the Law Committee.

Among the rules of particular interest to members are the following:

1. No monuments, mausoleums, headstones, vaults or other embellishments may be erected without the consent of the Cemetery Committee, and only upon such terms as may be prescribed by the Cemetery Committee and Kensico Cemetery.

2. The placing or cultivation of shrubs, trees, hedges or mounds shall not be permitted without the consent of the committee.

3. Park Avenue Synagogue reserves the right to remove upon notice from, in, or about any plot, any tree, shrubs, fence, or other embellishments which the Cemetery Committee shall deem unsightly or detrimental to the appearance of the Park Avenue Synagogue area of Sharon Gardens.

These regulations—fourteen in all—have proved invaluable in the excellent maintenance of our section of Sharon Gardens since they were passed by the Board of Trustees in February, 1960.

Recent Changes In Social Security Act

The Bulletin has been requested to publish the following facts in regard to recent changes in the Social Security Act. It is now possible for workers 65 or over to continue to work and still receive social security payments. As an example, a worker with no dependents who is eligible for old age benefits of \$100 a month, can earn \$2500 a year and still receive social security payments. One does not have to retire completely to obtain these benefits.

For further information, one may contact the Department of Health, Education and Welfare—230 West 125 Street, New York 27, New York (RI 9-6900).

United Nations Palestine Day

On November 29, 1947, the United Nations voted to partition Palestine and set up a Jewish State. This decision climaxed many years of Zionist efforts. November 29 is now designated United Nations Palestine Day.

Condolences

Mr. Daniel J. Friedman and Mr. Edward Friedman upon the death of their father, Louis M. Friedman; Mr. Z. Harry Altmark upon the death of his brother-in-law.

Mrs. Harry Green and Mrs. Michael Falk upon the death of their mother, Rosa Hochhauser.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
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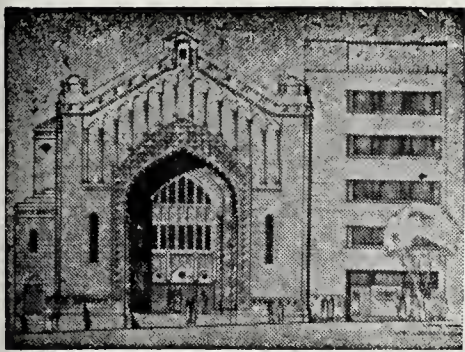
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Annual Youth Service Friday, December 15, 8:30 P. M. Rabbi Nadich to Speak

Youth to Participate In the Service

The young members of our congregation will be honored at the Friday evening service on December 15, 1961 which has been designated as the Annual Youth Service. Under the guidance of Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, members of our United Synagogue Youth groups will conduct the services. Rabbi Nadich will speak on: "Our Youth Today—Behind the Headlines."

This year the service will take on additional significance as it will afford the members of our newly formed Teen Age Congregation their first opportunity to function in the main synagogue. Prior to this occasion, the group has held both Friday night and Sabbath Services in the Chapel.

The following are among the members of the Teen Age Congregation: Rosanne Alberts, Carl Applebaum, Harry Applebaum, Steve Braun, Susan Carr, Alene Chandler, Jeff Dell, Larry Feinberg, Lois Finkel, Ellen Fishkind, Richard Hurtig, Marcel Kleinwecksler, Stanley Kurzweil, Pat Lens, Bob Leifert, Larry Marks, Alana Martin, Fay Mergun, Leah Nadich, Sam Paskin, Jon Rosenblatt, Jim Rubinstein, Joel Schore, Mark Siegel, Steve Siegel, Irene Steiner, Jon Stowe.

Alan Mehlman acts as advisor to the Teen Age Congregation.

Following the services, members of the Youth Group will be hosts at an *Oneg Shabbat*. At this time, Rabbi Nadich will discuss aspects of the Youth Program, and selected members of the various clubs will offer a program of Israeli folk songs and dances.

We hope that parents will attend with their families and friends. Their presence will greatly encourage the interest of our young people in Judaism and implement the maxim—"Families that pray together—stay together."

— Irving Goldberg



Leaders of the Teen Age Congregation: Susan Carr, Richard Hurtig, Alan Mehlman, Youth Advisor; Irving Goldberg, Youth Director; Lois Finkel and Jon Stowe.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, December 1 8:30 p.m.

"SOMETHING ABOUT HANUKKAH"

A Teaching Sermon

Saturday morning, December 2 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Philip Leslie Engelhardt

son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Engelhardt

Friday evening, December 8 8:30 p.m.

"THE LIGHT THAT LASTS"

A Hanukkah Sermon

Bat Mitzvah of Ilsa Dee Berger

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Berger

Saturday morning, December 9 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of John Charin Somberg

son of Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Somberg

Friday evening, December 15 8:30 p.m.

"OUR YOUTH TODAY—BEHIND THE HEADLINES"

Annual Youth Service

Oneg Shabbat Program and Tea

Rabbi Nadich will speak each Friday evening and Saturday morning and will conduct the services together with

Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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Hanukkah - Significance And Observance

The festival of *Hanukkah* begins this year on Saturday night, December 2, when the first candle will be lit. On each successive evening an additional candle is kindled, until the full eight are lit on the last evening of the festival, Saturday evening, December 9.

This happy holiday celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem to the worship of God in the year 165 B.C.E. by the victorious Maccabees. It marks the successful culmination of the first military struggle for religious liberty and freedom of conscience. The Syrian king, Antiochus, in his attempt to Hellenize every province within his empire, had established the worship of the Greek gods in the Temple and tried to suppress the religion of the Jews. Mattathias led the revolt of the Jews, and the military campaigns were carried on by his sons, Judas Maccabeus and his four brothers. Their victory resulted in the freedom of Jews to worship as they liked, which spelled the survival of Judaism. It also meant the regaining of independence for Judea and the enthronement of the Jewish kings of the Hasmonean dynasty.

We celebrate the holiday today by kindling the colorful *Hanukkah* candles each evening of the festival, and by the distribution of gifts particularly to the children. The home may be decorated in gay fashion, *Hanukkah* parties may be held for children and adults, with *latkes* for refreshment, and at least one dinner during *Hanukkah* week should be a festive meal. Many beautiful *Hanukkah menorot* are available today, and the Sisterhood Gift Shop with Mrs. Irma Heller in charge has a varied supply.

Not only men but women and children as well may kindle the *Hanukkah* lights. The *Shammash* candle should be lit first. It is used to kindle the other candles. For the first evening of *Hanukkah*, one candle is lit and placed on the far right of the eight-branched *menorah*

A Teaching Sermon On Hanukkah

Periodically Rabbi Nadich gives a sermon which offers instruction about some aspect of Jewish life, thought or practice.

On Friday evening, December 1, the night before *Hanukkah*, he will give such a teaching sermon on this fascinating festival. Members of the congregation are particularly urged to come to this service so that their celebration of the festival will become more meaningful.

We Take Pride In Our Members

Mr. Bruce Geller, son of Judge and Mrs. Abraham Geller, who is the co-author of the "hit" show at the Martinique Theatre, "All in Love". Mr. Geller wrote the book and lyrics.

Dr. A. Allen Goldbloom, who has become a Diplomat of the American Board of Bio-Analysts in the Allied Arts and Sciences.

Mr. George W. Rabinoff, a consultant of the National Social Welfare Assembly in New York City, who, upon his retirement at the end of this year, has been granted a Fulbright lectureship in the School of Social Studies at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, who was recently re-elected a trustee of the Grand Lodge of the United Order of True Sisters.

as one faces it. On the second night, and on each succeeding night, the candle for that particular evening is lighted first. In other words, on the last night of *Hanukkah* the last candle is kindled first, then the seventh and so on, moving toward the right. On Friday, the *Hanukkah* candles are kindled before the lighting of the Sabbath candles.

A pamphlet entitled "How to Celebrate *Hanukkah* at Home", published by the United Synagogue of America, is available for purchase at the synagogue office. It contains the blessings to be recited for the lighting of the candles, the *Hanukkah* songs and instructions for giving a *Hanukkah* party.

Ceremonial and Gift Shop

Hanukkah gifts for young and old

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Phone: Irma Heller, chairman of
Gift Shop — AT 9-5500

Jewish Theological Seminary Of America

Seminary Library Houses
Priceless Treasures

A learned man once said that no school can ever be better than its library. Certainly the Seminary's library has helped make the Seminary the distinguished center of learning that it is. Some 200,000 printed books in all languages, including the first printed Bible mentioned by Rabbi Nadich in his pre-Neilah remarks on *Yom Kippur*, nearly 10,000 manuscripts dating from the ninth century to the present, a microfilm library offering access to outside collections, and a rare assemblage of prints, photographs and illuminated documents make up part of its collection. Yet the Seminary library extends beyond the bounds of an ordinary college library, including as it does the famed Cairo Genizah—a hoard of manuscripts dating from the seventh to the fifteenth centuries found in the lumber room of an old synagogue in Cairo, Egypt.

A visit to the library manuscript room crowded with priceless treasures is an unequalled experience in the timelessness, beauty and greatness of the Jewish heritage. Here, in a place of honor, is the oldest document the library possesses. Dated 831, the document is a deed of sale for a piece of property in Cairo, Egypt. The first printed prayer book, more than five centuries old, is another valued treasure. Nearby, a modern volume dated 1949 contains the Song of Songs. Written in Portuguese and exquisitely printed on dark blue satin, it is the only such copy in the United States. Another ancient document—a Ketubah from Egypt, written 800 years ago and found in the Cairo Genizah—reveals a unique stipulation: in providing for the protection of the mother-in-law. The Ketubah asserts that she is to live in peace at her daughter's home until her demise. These and countless other treasures dwell amongst the largest, most valuable single collections of Judaica and Hebraica ever assembled.

A rabbi, a judge, a physician from Baltimore, an industrialist, an eminent book dealer from London, a prominent European collector, are some of those whose private collections and generosity have contributed towards the swift growth of the Seminary Library since its modest beginnings just fifty-four years ago.

Men's Club New Members

Mr. Albert Siegel, chairman of the Membership Committee, reports that the following new members have joined the Men's Club: Nathan Ball, Frederic S. Berman, Sidney E. Blank, Edward Buxbaum, Henry Cohen, Michael G. Cohen, Sam E. Deutsch, Monroe Firestone, Stephen Friedman, Jack Gingold, Sam Greenberg, Jack Hausman, Robert J. Hirsch, Irving Kapner, Martin Leichterling, Herman S. Levine, Seymour Lorberbaum, Herman Meltzer, Philip Mitenthal, Irving Oshinsky, Bernard Robbins, Irwin B. Robbins, Dr. Nathaniel Shafer, Leon Sherman, William Sherman, Ben Shoostine, Louis Silberman, Samuel Sporn, James Starkman, Jack Sternbach, Milton Stolitzy, Isidore Suchman, Charles Tichman, Martin M. Urban, Bernard Wolf, Jack Yadgaroff, Herman Zarin.

Men's Club takes pleasure in welcoming these new members and hopes that their association with the Club will be mutually inspiring and beneficial.

Parents Association

The Parents Association is proud to announce that it will publish a news letter, the first copy of which will be mailed before *Hanukkah*. The pamphlet, entitled "*Shalom*", will be dedicated to the children of the Religious School and their parents.

Among its features will be poems written by the children, instructions on how to celebrate the Jewish holidays, book reports by our librarian, Mrs. Hilde Kisch, events in New York for children, a calendar of Parents Association events, and many more articles of interest to parents and children alike.

On November 15, the Parents Association held its first open meeting which gave parents an opportunity to meet the teachers of the Religious School and to discuss the progress of their children in their religious studies. The beautiful *Hanukkah* table, which won the admiration of those present, was arranged by our talented Mrs. Robert Altman.

— Abby Kirsch

Bar Mitzvah Schedule

The *Bar Mitzvah* schedule for September 1962 — June 1963 has been completed. Dates have been assigned to each of the children who will be *Bar Mitzvah* or *Bat Mitzvah* during that period.

Annual Hanukkah Party, December 2, Will Be Gala Event



Thomas Leighton Orchestra, which will entertain at the annual Hanukkah Party—December 2, in the Lemberg Auditorium of Park Avenue Synagogue.

Congregants . . . come to your *Hanukkah* Party! Here is an exciting year-end dividend on your synagogue membership. Here is your *Hanukkah* party.

Plans for this social event are now bubbling merrily in the cauldron of an inventive committee. (Credits in a subsequent issue.) In a manner neo-classical, traditional observance of Jewish liberation and triumph, and the ebullient outpourings of the *Hanukkah* spirit will be celebrated in the frame of a modern chic party. This year admittance will be by invitation *only* and will be extended *exclusively* to the membership of the synagogue.

And then . . . the format is excitingly new! In addition to the traditional songs and ritual, the air will be filled with music, live, lilting music by an orchestra of talent and note. There will be dancing, refreshments, surprise entertainment features and, above all, the opportunity to meet with the synagogue family on a Saturday evening in an atmosphere of relaxation and friendliness.

Black tie, if possible, please, but you will be just as welcome and appropriate in your Saturday best since a preliminary poll indicates that both modes of attire will be much in evidence.

Please mark the date and mark it well—Saturday evening, December 2, at 8:45 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. And remember that this is *GALA*, this is fun, entertainment and conviviality in the grand manner.

— Harry A. Dubin

Mr. and Mrs. Club

With membership more than doubled from last year, the Mr. and Mrs. Club is very gratified to have so many new members take part in the Club's many activities. Many cultural and social events have been planned by the Program Committee, complete details of which have been mailed to members. All synagogue members will be invited to cultural meetings, but only Mr. and Mrs.

Club members will be asked to attend social events.

The meeting of the Club on November 20, which featured Hazzan David J. Putterman was a well attended and informative evening. Hazzan Putterman discussed the significance of the Sabbath Eve service as it is observed in our synagogue, and also illustrated his talk.

— Mattis Fern

JOSEPH HOWARD KATZ APPOINTS CHAIRMEN and MEMBERS of COMMITTEES

The Bulletin is pleased to print the names of the chairmen and members of the various committees appointed by Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Park Avenue Synagogue is grateful to these congregants for their fine service and their active participation in synagogue affairs.

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Sisterhood News

Theater Party a Great Success

By the time you receive this issue of the Bulletin, Sisterhood's annual event, luncheon at the Astor and a matinee—"Kean" will be over except for the shouting. The President of Sisterhood, Mrs. Max Zahler, would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee who worked so diligently to make this affair a success and also those who participated in the afternoon:

For his inspiring speech, Rabbi Judah Nadich; for his fine singing and reciting the grace after the luncheon, Hazzan David J. Putterman; for reciting the invocation, Hazzan Abraham Friedman.

To Mrs. Richard I. Rudell, chairman; Mrs. Herman J. Bronstein, co-chairman; Mrs. Samuel Gellert, treasurer; Mrs. David Altschul, publicity; Mrs. Mack H. Fieber, chairman of Angels; Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, chairman of Hostesses; Mrs. Benjamin Sack, chairman of Theatre; and Mrs. Sol E. Green, chairman of Decorations.

Tour Planned — December 12

As an extra added attraction—because Sisterhood does not usually hold an open meeting in December—Sisterhood is planning a special outing for its members and their friends.

On Tuesday, December 12, from 11 to 3 o'clock, a tour of the Jewish Museum and of the Jewish Theological Seminary is planned. The group will meet at 10:45 a.m. at the Jewish Museum at Fifth Avenue and 92 Street where a guide, well-versed in Jewish art and literature, will give a short talk and then take the ladies on a tour of the museum. A special film on modern Jewish art will also be shown.

Luncheon will be served at the museum from 12 to 1, at a nominal charge of \$1.25 per person. This fee includes transportation. In order that your luncheon can be ordered, reservations must be made in advance with Mrs. David Rapoport, 142 East 71 Street, (TR 9-8761) who has planned this program for you. Hostesses will be Mrs. Albert List and Mrs. Samuel Lemberg.

At 1:30 the ladies will be met by guides at the Jewish Theological Seminary who will conduct them on a guided tour.

This promises to be an unusual and stimulating day. All Sisterhood members and their friends are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to visit these great institutions of learning.

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Religious School News

Hanukkah Parties

Students, teachers and class mothers are planning a series of *Hanukkah* parties for the students in the Religious School. The *Hanukkah* candles will be lighted in each class; refreshments will be served; gifts exchanged; and holiday songs and games played.

Many parents are giving home parties for their children and their friends during *Hanukkah* week. A party in your home will give the children an opportunity to plan appropriate decorations, play holiday games, eat latkes, sing Hebrew and English songs and, of course, light the candles in the *Menorah*. Bring *Hanukkah* into your home; plan a family party or a children's party.

Report by Teachers

The evaluation of a student's achievement in class has always created a three-fold problem for the teacher. First, the teacher is faced with the task of correctly judging the extent of the child's direct and incidental learning of factual material. Second, the teacher must evaluate the child's ability to accept the ideas, concepts and ideals that the school aims to teach. Third, the teacher must be able to transmit a report to the parent that is simple, clear and not couched in professional jargon. The Religious School seeks to give the parent a comprehensive report of the work of our students by meetings with parents and by written reports.

At the first Parents Association Open Meeting, parents were invited to learn about the curriculum and to speak with teachers. During Open School Week, they will have an opportunity to observe and discuss the work of the class. In addition, parents are invited to make special appointments with teachers for individual conferences.

Three times a year written reports are sent to the parents of the students in the Hebrew Department. These reports combine a number of specific grades in subject areas with individual comments about the work of each child. Taken together, the grades and the comments of the teacher seek to present a whole picture of the student's accomplishment.

Report cards are distributed at *Hanukkah* and at *Purim*. Will you spend a moment or two to discuss with your child his work in Religious School and the extent of his achievement?

— Martin Leichtling

Federation Sponsors Music Competition

This year the Women's Division of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York is sponsoring the Dimitri Mitropoulos International Music Competition, the first major International Music Competition to be held in the U.S.A. The Founders Committee of this event are the women who attended the Pace Setters Luncheon and pledged support to the 1961-1962 Maintenance Campaign of Federation.

Young pianists (to the age of 30) from all parts of the world and twenty-two from the U.S.A. will participate. The finals of the contest will be held on the evening of December 17 at the Metropolitan Opera House. Eight area Special Gifts Luncheons for contributors of \$100 and over were held on November 21. All who attended will be listed as sponsors and will be eligible to attend the finals.

Mrs. Paul Bercu, Sisterhood Federation chairman, and Mrs. Morris Cohn, co-chairman, urge our congregants to support Federation by their generous contributions.

-- RMR

Sisterhood News

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Those who attended the open meeting on November 14 had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Gloria Shafer, a professional lyric soprano, sing several delightful selections.

Mrs. Judah Nadich reviewed recent books of Jewish interest and held the rapt attention of her audience as she discussed the background and the underlying theme of each book in her usual capable manner.

Support the Gift Shop

Sisterhood sponsors a gift shop, the proceeds of which go to the Jewish Guild for the Blind. Under the supervision of Mrs. Charles Bennet, Mrs. Jacob Boneparth and Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, the Gift Shop is open before all Sisterhood meetings, and affords an excellent opportunity for members and their friends to purchase charming gifts which have been carefully selected to please the most exacting purchaser.

— Ethel B. Altschul

CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, December 14:10 p.m.
Friday, December 84:09 p.m.
Friday, December 154:10 p.m.

Interfaith Neighbors To Benefit from Sale Of Original Craft Items

Interfaith Neighbors is an organization representing the churches and synagogues in our neighborhood. Its primary project is its concern with the youth of the area, and it operates through professional social workers to achieve its ends.

A fund-raising venture to benefit its program will be held at the Unitarian Church of All Souls, Lexington Avenue and 80 Street, when Artist-Craftsmen of New York, a society of 275 artists working in ceramics and other media, will offer for sale original, signed articles ranging in price from \$5 to \$500. Half of the price of each item is a charitable deduction. The sale will begin on Friday, December 1, and we suggest the hours of 2 to 4 p.m.

Congratulations

Mrs. J. W. Gerrish upon her recent marriage to Mr. A. Alvin Schleifer.

Mr. Oscar S. Rosner upon the birth of a granddaughter.

Jewish Museum Presents New Greeting Cards

An exhibit of seventeen paintings, etchings, woodcuts, lithographs, and photographs commissioned by The Jewish Museum for a special collection of greeting cards, are now on view at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 122nd Street and Broadway.

Appropriate for all occasions in Jewish life, the cards were individually created by a noted group of contemporary artists including Irving Amen, Leonard Baskin, Chaim Gross, Daniel Newman, John Ross, Mitchell Siporin, Aubrey Schwartz and Alfred Van Loen. As a result of the Museum's project, commercial Jewish greeting cards of distinguished caliber will be made available to the public for the first time.

The cards—some representational, some expressionistic, all individual—make use of Jewish ceremonial objects.

A limited supply of the cards is available for immediate sale individually or in boxed sets at the reception desk at The Jewish Museum, Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street.

Travel Directions To Sharon Gardens

It was only after months of careful study that our Cemetery Committee, headed by Mr. Saul Godwin and by Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum, recommended to the Trustees of Park Avenue Synagogue the purchase of the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery in Westchester County for burial grounds. The Sharon Gardens area was approved and purchased not only because of its intrinsic beauty, the excellent maintenance of grounds, but also because of its easy accessibility from Manhattan.

Travel to Sharon Gardens from New York City takes a little less than an hour under normal travelling conditions. The cemetery is easily reached via the Sawmill River Parkway as well as through other highways and expressways including the Bronx River Parkway. The trip takes one hour by train from the Grand Central station, and the stop is directly at the Kensico Cemetery grounds. If requested, limousine service is available to take you to the Sharon Gardens section.

A phone call to Mr. Martin Leichtling, executive secretary of the synagogue. (EN 9-2600) will give you further information about Sharon Gardens.

Condolences

Mr. Murray Solomon upon the death of his brother, Abraham Solomon.

Mrs. Rose Jacobs upon the death of her husband, Harry Jacobs.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
Sponsored and supported
by the Men's Club

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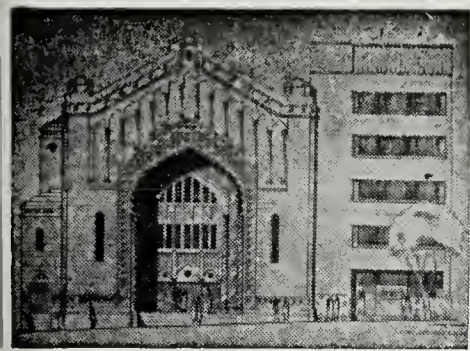
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College Homecoming Service, December 29

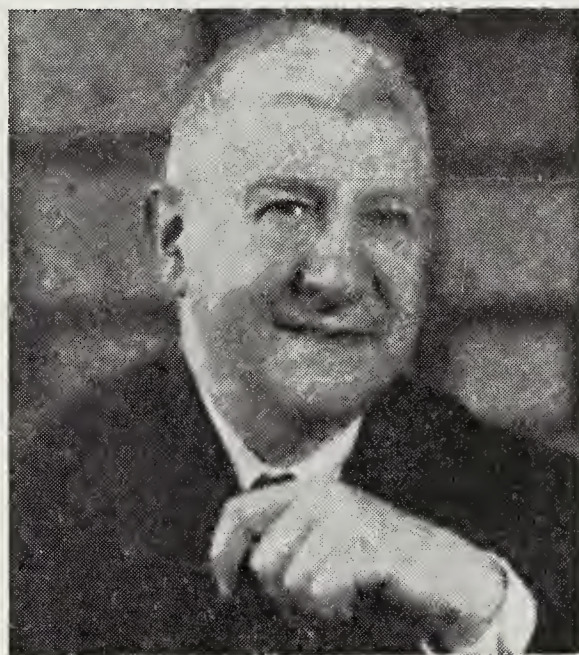
The last Friday evening service of the calendar year, on December 29, will be the annual College Homecoming Service when the college and university students will be welcomed by the congregation.

The evening will be of particular interest to students and all those who are concerned with this academic generation.

Several young men and women from various colleges will speak on the subject, "Judaism on the College Campus." Each will give his or her reaction to such themes as the search for Jewish identification among Jewish students and members of college faculties, the facilities offered for Jewish expression on the campus and the use made of them.

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Synagogue to Celebrate 80th Anniversary, April 1 Dr. Milton Helpern Named Chairman of Committee



DR. MILTON HELPERN

Park Avenue Synagogue is already making plans for the celebration of its 80th anniversary which will take place in the main synagogue on Sunday afternoon, April 1, 1962. Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has announced the appointment of Dr. Milton Helpern as chairman. The program will include addresses by a number of distinguished leaders of the religious world as well as of persons prominent in public life.

Dr. Milton Helpern, chairman of the 80th anniversary celebration, has had a brilliant career in the medical world. A graduate of the College of the City of New York and of Cornell University Medical College, he is Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York.

Honorary chairmen of the Committee, all of whom are former chairmen of the Board of Trustees of Park Avenue Synagogue, are the following: Hon. Bernard Botein, Frederick Finn and Benjamin Sack.

The committee in formation which will assist the chairman, Dr. Milton Helpern, includes the following members: George Armour, Isidore M. Cohen, Hon. Abraham N. Geller, Saul Godwin, Solomon E. Green, Harry Halbren, Milton Heller, Hon. Herman Hoffman, Jacob Klein, Gen. Melvin L. Krulewitch, Joseph I. Lubin, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, David Mendelsohn, Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel, Milton M. Sivek, Milton Weill, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, and Mrs. Max Zahler.

With Dr. Helpern as chairman of the anniversary committee planning for this gala event in the history of our synagogue, we look forward to a jubilee celebration of its 80th anniversary on April 1. Future Bulletins will carry complete details of the plans for this outstanding affair. We hope that you will reserve the date now—Sunday afternoon, April 1, 1962.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, December 22 8:30 p.m.
"THE MESSIAH IDEA IN JUDAISM"

Saturday morning, December 23 9:30 a.m.
**Bar Mitzvah of Leonard Harry Ellis
son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ellis**

Friday evening, December 29 8:30 p.m.
**Annual College Homecoming Service
"JUDAISM ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS"
with the participation of college students
Oneg Shabbat and Tea**

Saturday morning, December 30 9:30 a.m.

Friday evening, January 5 8:30 p.m.
**"JEWISH NATIONALISM — GOOD OR EVIL?"
MOSES HESS and ARNOLD TOYNBEE**

Saturday morning, January 6 9:30 a.m.
**Bar Mitzvah of Robert Elie Ayache
son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ayache**

Friday evening, January 12 8:30 p.m.
**"THE STRANGE WORLD OF ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER"
Oneg Shabbat with Mr. Singer as special guest**

Saturday morning, January 13 9:30 a.m.
**Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Winning
son of Lillian Winning**

*Rabbi Nadich will speak each Friday evening and Saturday morning
and will conduct the services together with
Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir
with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

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New Weekday Prayer Book

The Board of Trustees of Park Avenue Synagogue, acting upon a unanimous recommendation of the Ritual Committee, has recently approved the introduction of a new Weekday Prayer Book at the daily chapel service sponsored by Men's Club.

The new prayer book has been published by the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the national body of Conservative rabbis. The Prayer Book Commission of the Rabbinical Assembly with Rabbi Gershon Hadas of Kansas City as chairman worked on the text of the new prayer book for a number of years.

In the introduction to the new prayer book, Rabbi Hadas says: "Tradition and change is an appropriate description of the goals in the revisions of our ancient liturgy as it is a fitting characterization of every phase of the Conservative Movement. It is a balance between devotion to a rich past and the persistent demands of the day, a balance that is forever uneasy. It is toward this balance that we labored in the preparation of this Weekday Prayer Book."

The new prayer book has an attractive format. Both the Hebrew and English are printed in large, clear letters. The English translation is a felicitous and contemporary one. Certain prayers, such as those dealing with animal sacrifices, have been either modified or omitted, while new prayers have been added such as one to be recited on the anniversary of Israel's independence.

Rabbi Nadich's Sermon Quoted in "Churchman"

The December 1961 issue of *The Churchman*, a journal of the Protestant Episcopal Church, quoted from the Veterans Day sermon delivered at Park Avenue Synagogue by Rabbi Judah Nadich.

Jewish Theological Seminary of America

New Students for Seminary Rabbinical School

In recent years the Conservative Movement has begun to perpetuate its rabbinic leadership from young people of congregations affiliated with the United Synagogue of America. Eighty per cent of the students who now come to the Rabbinical Department of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America have been associated with the schools of Conservative congregations, United Synagogue Youth, the Leaders Training Fellowship and the Ramah Camps. Twenty years ago the situation was quite different. At that time, the vast majority of students in the Rabbinical Department of the Seminary came from various *Yeshivot*, and very few were from the ranks of Conservative congregations.

During the past few years there has developed a great competition for talent in the United States. Outstanding students on the various college campuses are now in a position to choose among the available fellowships as soon as they receive their Bachelor degrees. Experts in manpower recruitment predict that this competition will become keener during the next decade than it has been in the past.

The Rabbinical Department of the Seminary looks for talent wherever it can be found. The admissions policy of the Rabbinical Department is to accept talented and committed young people even when their knowledge of Judaism is not too profound. It is now possible to implement this policy because the Rabbinical Department has been re-organized into two schools, the School of Judaica and the Graduate Rabbinical School. The School of Judaica takes students of various backgrounds and brings them up to the level where they are able to study in the Graduate Rabbinical School. Some students who come with a good Hebraic background, for example graduates of the Teachers Institute and Seminary College of Jewish Studies of this Seminary, may enter the School of Judaica in its third or highest year of study. Other students who come with relatively weaker backgrounds in Judaica studies may enter the first or second year of the School of Judaica, or even a preparatory class. Thus, the student is classified in the School of Judaica in accordance with his knowledge of Talmud, Bible, Hebrew, Jewish history

December 22 Service

At the Friday evening service this week, Rabbi Nadich's subject will have special pertinence in view of the forthcoming Christian holiday — the nature of the Jewish belief in a Messiah. David Ben Gurion, the Prime Minister of Israel, has called this belief one of the principal ideas in Judaism, of particular significance in the contemporary world. The sermon will attempt to explain why. In addition, a comparison will be drawn between the Christian and Jewish beliefs in a Messiah, beliefs particularly appropriate at this season of the year.

The Wisdom of the Rabbis

Israel's reconciliation with God can be achieved only when they are all one brotherhood. —Talmud *Menahot* 27a

College Homecoming

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Following the service, an *Oneg Shabbat* reception and tea in the Lemberg Auditorium will be tendered in honor of the college students and, following our practice of the past several years, a significant book of Jewish interest will be presented as the gift of the congregation to each college student present to encourage the building of a personal library of books of Jewish value.

Members of our congregation who have not yet submitted the names of their sons and daughters who are students at college are asked to send such names immediately to the synagogue office, together with the name of the college and the expected year of graduation.

and history of Jewish thought. In the School of Judaica, the student specializes in the study of Hebrew texts, and eventually receives the Master of Hebrew Literature degree.

After graduating from the School of Judaica, the student may enter the Graduate Rabbinical School where he normally spends an additional three years preparing for ordination as a rabbi, teacher and preacher. During the academic year 1961-62, there are 55 students in the School of Judaica and 64 students in the Graduate Rabbinical School. Thus, a total of 119 students are preparing for the rabbinate this year in the Rabbinical Department of the Seminary. It is encouraging to note that the entering group this year numbered 28 students.

Books at a Glance

A selection of recent acquisitions by the Cohen Library: Robert Gamzey, *Gathering: A journalist's report on the return of the exiles to the Holy Land*. The book describes the various facets of life in Israel: the clash of the cultures of western and oriental Jews; communal living in the kibbutz; vocational retraining in prisons; religious and irreligious trends, and many other topics. It is an account of what is going on in Israel today.

Gertrude Samuels, *B.G. Fighter of Goliaths. The Story of David Ben-Gurion*. The author, a staff member of the New York Times, presents a biography of the Israeli Prime Minister in which he is portrayed as pioneer, farmer, soldier, and statesman, fighting for the recognition and development of Israel.

Samuel Halperin, *The Political World of American Zionism*. This book depicts the role played by the American Jewish community in the birth of Israel. Among the topics treated are the origin, program, and early development of American Zionism: American Zionism in its world setting; its relationship to religious organizations and Jewish Labor; its politics of fund-raising, and Zionist propaganda.

John Briggs, *Leonard Bernstein, the Man, His Work and His World*. This volume is a candid portrait of the gifted musician, who at the age of 25 became the conductor of the New York Philharmonic, and has composed symphonies, ballets, an opera, and scores for Broadway musicals, well received by both critics and the public.

Harry L. Lurie, *A Heritage Affirmed: The Jewish Federation Movement in America*. The author presents a history of Jewish philanthropy as practiced by the Jewish community through the Jewish welfare federations. The first two sections of the work show the development of these important agencies. The last part offers a description of their structure and activities at the present time.

Yitzhak Baer, *A History of the Jews in Christian Spain*. This first volume of the author's standard work on the Jews in Spain during the Middle Ages is a translation from the Hebrew. It deals with one of the most interesting and important chapters in Jewish history: the rise and fall of Spanish Jewry. Beginning with the reconquest of Spain from the Moslems and ending with the era of decline in Castile, it also contains a

Sisterhood News

Open Meeting, January 16

On Tuesday, January 16, 1962, Sisterhood will hold an Open Meeting. Luncheon will be served at 12 noon. Following a short meeting, Beatrice Jacobs, reviewer and critic, will speak on the "Psychological Approach to Current Drama."



Beatrice Jacobs—Drama Critic

Mrs. Jacobs follows the precept, "Look into the lives of others as into a mirror if you would know yourself." Searching for truths buried deep in the hearts of men and women, she looks into the lives of fictional characters and shows, through their experiences, the complexities of our own lives. While not overlooking plot or situation, Mrs. Jacobs emphasizes character development and psychological motivation. To illustrate her points, Mrs. Jacobs gives dramatic readings of pertinent passages.

A graduate of Hunter College and a former instructor of English and American literature, Mrs. Jacobs brings to her reviews a rich background of subject matter and psychological knowledge.

The experiences of many lifetimes are yours—to share, to enjoy, to profit from—when you come to hear Beatrice Jacobs on Tuesday, January 16.

— Ethel B. Altschul

description of the inner life of the Spanish Jewish communities, of their religious institutions, and great personalities. A translation of the second volume will follow.

Isaac Bashevis Singer, *The Spinoza of Market Street*. The book, a selection of short stories, recreates, with elements of fantasy and the supernatural, the world and people in the Polish milieu of former days.

— Hilde Kisch, Librarian

College Cocktail Party Tuesday, December 26

Invitations to the annual Cocktail Party have been sent to students of all colleges and graduate schools, sons and daughters of our congregants, at home and out of town. The party will take place in the Sisterhood Lounge of the Milton Steinberg House on Tuesday, December 26, from 4-7 p.m.

This affair to which students look forward to renew their friendships and to meet young people from colleges throughout the country is one of the highlights of the holiday season. There will be dancing, refreshments and fun for all. A special feature of the evening will be entertainment by several college students who will render musical selections.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Adolf Stangel, the Sisterhood Lounge will be transformed into a bower of glittering musical notes designed by Mrs. Stangel to symbolize the gay, happy spirit of youth. In this charming atmosphere, we hope to welcome our college friends. If any college student, who is the son or daughter of a member, has not received an invitation, please contact the Park Avenue Synagogue office, 50 East 87 Street, New York 28, or phone EN. 9-2600.

Chairman of the Cocktail Party, Mrs. Adolf Stangel, and chairman of Invitations, Mrs. Harry Zucker, will be assisted by the following members of the committee: Mr. and Mrs. David Altschul, Mrs. Albert Cornell, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Klein and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Siegel.

Mrs. Herman Helpen, chairman of Youth Activities, and Mr. Irving Goldberg, Youth Director, extend a cordial welcome to our college friends to attend the party.

The date: Tuesday, December 26, 1961.

The place: The Sisterhood Lounge.

The time: 4-7 p.m.

— RMR

Bar Mitzvah Schedule

The *Bar Mitzvah* schedule for September 1962 — June 1963 has been completed. Dates have been assigned to each of the children who will be *Bar Mitzvah* or *Bat Mitzvah* during that period.

Parents Association

The children of the Religious School celebrated *Hanukkah* with delightful parties held in the classrooms under the supervision of Mrs. Albert Cornell, chairman of Class Mothers, and the class mothers who served ice cream and cookies to the children. It was a rewarding experience for all who joined in the celebrations.

Cocktail Party—February 4

The Parents Association is happy to announce that it is planning a Cocktail Party for members of the Parents Association on Sunday, February 4, 1962. Mrs. Norbert Acker and Mrs. Adolf Stangel will be chairmen of the affair. Please note this date on your 1962 calendars and plan to join the parents for this gay event. Complete details will appear in forthcoming Bulletins.

Shalom—Parents Newsletter

We hope that you enjoyed our first issue of *Shalom*, the newsletter published by the Parents Association. Our second issue will reach you before Purim and will bring you interesting articles about the holiday as well as items of interest to parents and children alike. We are eager to publish outstanding poems or compositions written by children of our Religious School and urge you to send them to Mrs. Robert Kirsch, 1185 Park Avenue, New York 28, N. Y.

— Abby Kirsch

Religion in Life RIAL Campaign

Regular attendance at worship services by all Americans is especially urged throughout the country during the thirteenth annual "Religion in American Life" campaign, popularly known as RIAL, a national non-sectarian movement.

The message of worshipping together is now being sponsored in thousands of churches and synagogues by twenty-seven national religious groups. Emphasis will be placed upon the importance of religion and spiritual devotion in the daily life of every individual and family, and upon the value of religious training and practice in building good character in young people.

In this age of increasing international tension in which everyone seeks a sense of personal security, regular attendance at worship services is the best way to find the security of spiritual fitness.

— RMR

Religious School News

Winter Recess

The closing session of the school will be held on Thursday, December 21, 1961. The vacation will begin on Friday, December 22 and will parallel the vacation period of the New York City Public Schools. The school will re-open on Tuesday afternoon, January 2, 1962.

Bar Mitzvah Class

Rabbi Judah Nadich will meet with the members of the *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* class on Tuesday, January 9, and on Tuesday, January 16, from 5:15 to 6 p.m. in room 501 of the Milton Steinberg House.

Students, who will be *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* from January 1962 through June 1962, will attend the two sessions and will discuss with Rabbi Nadich the meaning of *Bar Mitzvah*, its origin and significance today. To prepare for the discussion, the students are requested to read the book, "A Guide to Jewish Youth."

It is of the utmost importance that the children be present for these two classes, and the cooperation of parents is earnestly solicited.

Student Teachers

Some years ago, the Primary Department of the Religious School instituted a student-teacher program for the young women of the Graduation and Confirmation class. Each year a number of the graduates have accepted the opportunity to work with the regularly appointed teachers who instruct our children on Sunday morning. This year the school has the good fortune of having the services of Rosanne Alberts, Joan Fieber, Joan Hoexter, Irene Klein and Jane Wolf.

The student-teachers, under the guidance of the regular teachers, are given opportunities to observe the instruction, to assist with the instruction, to discuss teaching techniques, and to instruct the children in particular phases of the lesson.

Camp Ramah

Park Avenue Synagogue has been allocated a limited number of places at Camp Ramah in New York. Parents who are interested in securing further information are urged to call Mr. Leichtling (EN 9-2600) immediately for applications or further information. Registration closes in January, 1962.

— Martin Leichtling

Men's Club News

The next meeting of the Men's Club will take place on Tuesday, December 26, 1961 at 8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Museum, 92 Street and Fifth Avenue. A guided tour of the Museum has been made possible through the kindness of Dr. Stephen Kayser, curator of the museum.

Members of the Men's Club and any male friends they invite are requested to meet on the second floor of the Museum at 8:30. Rabbi Moisha Davidowitz of Temple Beth Sholem, Greenwich, Connecticut, will conduct the tour which will be followed by a talk in the beautiful auditorium of the Museum. Rabbi Davidowitz, who is an authority on that portion of Judaica with which the Museum is concerned, is an eloquent speaker.

The members, and especially the old-timers who will recall a similar visit of the Men's Club about twelve years ago, look forward to the occasion eagerly. That was a noteworthy evening, and an even more interesting one is promised on December 26 because of the growth of the Museum since then.

Following the formal part of the program, refreshments will be served. For this, the Men's Club is indebted to the kindness of Mrs. Salinger, administrator of the Museum.

Please note that promptness is of paramount importance. December 26 then, at 8:30 p.m.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

A Generous Gift To the Scholarship Fund

Recently Park Avenue Synagogue received a check for a hundred dollars, a sum to be donated every year by a member who wishes to remain anonymous. This gift, in memory of a dear one, will be applied to the Scholarship Fund of the Religious School and will be used toward the payment of a student's tuition.

Park Avenue Synagogue wishes to express its gratitude for this significant contribution on the part of one of our members.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, January 19 4:37 p.m.
Friday, January 26 4:45 p.m.
Friday, February 2 4:54 p.m.
Friday, February 9 5:03 p.m.

Research-Child Care Aided by Federation

As supporters of Federation, the entire Jewish community of Greater New York may be justifiably proud of the fact that some of the most creative research in the field of medicine is currently being pursued in the hospitals and medical centers which are supported by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

Among these are such renowned hospitals as Mount Sinai Hospital where researchers have developed a new method for discovering polio immunity which will prove useful in big scale vaccination programs against polio. At Montefiore Hospital, the painstaking and complex installation work of the "Montefiore Betatron" has just been completed. This giant machine is the world's most advanced device for the radiation treatment of cancer. Here, too, there has been made available a compact, artificial kidney which is easily portable and therefore of considerable advantage in surgical work.

These are but a few of the many exciting efforts to expand new frontiers of healing which are taking place in hospitals supported by your generous contributions to Federation.

Child Care

In the network of agencies supported by Federation, the Jewish Child Care Association today offers a variety of facilities to replace the vanished orphanages: foster homes, group residences, specialized schools for the care of the child who is emotionally disturbed or mentally retarded.

Families able to meet part or all of the cost, do so; for those who cannot, public or voluntarily contributed funds are available. Federation lets no obstacle stand in its way when it comes to securing highly skilled, professional help that enables our children to become adjusted, functioning members of society.

Federation uses your contribution to help children in all walks of life. We urge you to send your gift today.

— RMR

Ceremonial and Gift Shop

Prayer Books — Bibles — Talletim

Mezuzahs — Candle Holders

Hallah Trays — Spice Boxes

Phone: Irma Helel, Chairman of Gift Shop
(AT 9-5500)

Noted Author to be Guest Of Congregation, Jan. 12

On Friday evening, January 12, Isaac Bashevis Singer will be the guest of Park Avenue Synagogue.

His latest book, "The Spinoza of Market Street," has won wide popular acclaim and has received splendid notices in the *Times*, *Herald Tribune*, *Saturday Review* and other leading journals.

Rabbi Nadich will speak about the imaginative world created by Mr. Singer in his fiction. At the Oneg Shabbat following the service, Mr. Singer will answer questions.

Note of Appreciation From Bayit Lepletot

Last spring, the Parents Association and Sisterhood, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Bruno Foa and her co-chairman, Mrs. Joseph Dell, undertook the project of helping the Bayit Lepletot Orphan and Refugee Girls' Home in Jerusalem by sending clothing, shoes and toys for girls from the toddler age to eighteen years of age.

Recently, Mrs. Foa received the following letter of appreciation from the director of the Home:

November 14, 1961

Dear Mrs. Foa:

It is with very warm and sincere thanks that we acknowledge receipt of the clothing shipment sent on the SS/Zion. The garments arrived in excellent condition, and every bit is useful and most gratefully appreciated. Some clothes were fit for wearing as they were and some needed slight alteration, but all the garments are wonderful without doubt. Thanks and thanks to you, Mrs. Foa, and to the generous ladies of the Parents Association and of Sisterhood who worked to gather these things together.

If you saw the joy with which our 'daughters' welcomed the additions to their meager wardrobes, you would have derived much satisfaction. I hope that one day you will be able to visit our home personally so that we may thank you for your devoted friendship. May the Almighty aid us to work further for this humane cause, and you to continue your noble share.

With warmest wishes to you all and to our friend, Rabbi Nadich, I am

Very sincerely,

S. Pappenheim, director

Mr. and Mrs. Club Meeting - - January 15

The Mr. and Mrs. Club will inaugurate the New Year with an exciting evening to which the entire congregation is invited. On Monday evening, January 15, 1962, Ted Schlessinger, the guest of the Mr. and Mrs. Club, will entertain the audience with a thrilling adventure in the realm of the subconscious mind.

Mr. Schlessinger, an instructor in hypnosis at the Academy of Mental Sciences in Manhattan, will demonstrate hypnosis and relaxation. There will be audience participation in these demonstrations to be performed by Mr. Schlessinger, who has appeared on radio, TV quiz shows and at hotels and clubs throughout the country.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club hopes that you will join them on January 15 for an interesting and unusual evening.

What Is The Cost In The Long Run?

After an examination of the burial rights which Park Avenue Synagogue has made available at Sharon Gardens in Kensico Cemetery, many of our congregants have been agreeably surprised at the low cost of a four-grave plot. Depending upon the location, the cost of such plot is either \$800, \$1000, or \$1200. Once a congregant, however, contemplates this problem carefully, he is pleased to find that the initial cost is virtually the total cost. There are no other or additional charges as the cemetery is responsible for maintaining the grounds.

Of course, if the congregant wishes to embellish his plot with shrubbery or flowers, he is expected to assume the cost thereof. A monument or a foot stone flush with the ground is not considered an embellishment. Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee, and Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum, co-chairman, point out that a person who arranges for a plot is always concerned with the problem of the care of the grounds after he is no longer in a position to do so. At Sharon Gardens, no such situation can ever arise. Our arrangement at Sharon Gardens is for genuinely perpetual care, and the responsibility remains forever that of the cemetery without cost to the owner of the plot in question.

— RMR

College Students Visit Synagogue

A group of Christian students from Lynchburg College in Virginia, accompanied by several members of the faculty, visited Park Avenue Synagogue during the course of a field trip to New York during December. The students and faculty members attended a Friday evening service and, at the invitation of Rabbi Nadich, remained afterwards for a private session during which they asked questions about the synagogue, the service and the Jewish religion.

Professor Allen Stanger, Director of Religious Activities at the college, wrote Rabbi Nadich to say:

"Thank you for your graciousness to us when we visited the Park Avenue Synagogue on Friday evening. It was a fine experience for all of us to be at the service and to hear you preach, and to visit with some of the people. I shall long remember this visit to your synagogue, and I am most grateful to you for your kindness."

Study Program in Israel For College Students

The Hebrew University in Jerusalem offers a one-year study program for American college students. Inaugurated in 1955, this program offers an opportunity to acquire proficiency in the Hebrew language, to study Jewish thought, history and literature and to be in contact with students from Israel and many other countries. The next group will depart the beginning of July, 1962. Applications, however, must be in by the end of January.

The program this year offers a special course of study in Judaica and in subjects relating to Israel and to the Middle East as well as in the general field of humanities and the sciences. It begins with a four-month *Ulpan* in Jerusalem, where participants have the opportunity to master Hebrew sufficiently to following university instruction in this language.

Further information may be obtained from the Director of University Services, American Friends of the Hebrew University, 11 East 69 Street, New York 21.

"A person has three names: one his parents give him, one his contemporaries call him and one his life and works inscribe on the pages of time."

— Midrash Tanhuma, Vayakhel 1

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bernstein upon their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Cohen upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Samson Inselbuch on the marriage of their son, Elihu, to Miss Harriet Kaye.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Kornzweig upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Louis Linn upon their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Estelle Zuckerman upon the birth of a granddaughter, Linda Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Judson upon the birth of a daughter.

Applications Invited For Camp Ramah

Hundreds of children have been turned away each summer from the extremely successful Ramah Camps. These non-profit camps are under the supervision of the faculty of the Teachers Institute of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. They constitute the most exciting adventure and new experiment in Jewish education in many years. Begun only a decade or more ago with one camp, today there are a whole chain of these camps, in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, the North Woods of Wisconsin, California, Canada, Connecticut, and the most recent at Nyack, New York.

The most remarkable thing about these camps is the enthusiastic spirit which characterizes campers and staff. Operated on a high camping level and including everything normally a part of a successful camp program, the Ramah Camps also create an enjoyable Jewish atmosphere and encourage a delightful acquisition of Jewish knowledge.

A quota is allowed to each Conservative congregation, and applications for admission to the camp for next summer must be made within the next several weeks. Park Avenue Synagogue quota is a comparatively small one and not all who apply can be guaranteed admission.

Those who would like further information are invited to speak to Mr. Martin Leichtling in the synagogue office.

Eight Degrees of Charity

"There are eight degrees of charity, one higher than the other:

"He who gives grudgingly, reluctantly, or with regret.

"He who gives less than he should, but gives graciously.

"He who gives what he should, but only after he is asked.

"He who gives before he is asked.

"He who gives without knowing to whom he gives, although the recipient knows the identity of the donor.

"He who gives without knowing to whom he gives, neither does the recipient know from whom he receives.

"He who helps a fellow-man to support himself by a gift, or a loan, or by finding employment for him, thus helping him to become self-supporting."

— Moses Maimonides

Condolences

Mrs. Joseph H. Cohen upon the death of her husband, Joseph H. Cohen; to Mr. I. M. Cohen upon the death of his father.

Mrs. Louis Goldin upon the death of her husband, Louis Goldin.

Mrs. Harry Neivert upon the death of her brother.

Mrs. Irving Sarnoff upon the death of her mother, Sarah Ganz.

Mr. Jesse Speesman upon the death of his wife, Nellie Speesman; and to Mrs. Joseph P. Mandelbaum upon the death of her sister.

Mrs. Eric Stiebel upon the death of her mother, Friedel Elba.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
Sponsored and supported
by the Men's Club

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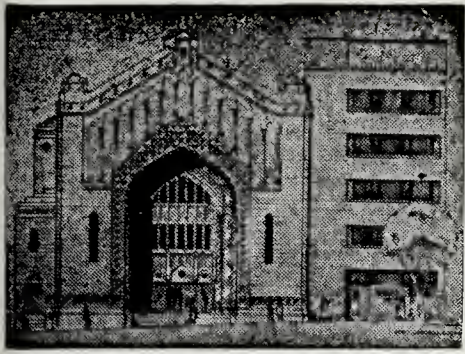
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Annual Music Service Of New Liturgical Music Friday Evening, May 4

Mr. Jan Meyerowitz, internationally renowned composer, has been commissioned this year by our synagogue to compose a new service for the Eighteenth Annual Service of New Liturgical Music by Contemporary Composers.

This service which will have its world premiere performance at our synagogue on Friday evening, May 4, 1962, will be presented by Hazzan David J. Puterman and the choir directed by Mr. Maurice Peress, assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

The commissioning of this important new musical work has been made possible by the magnanimous generosity of our members, Albert and Vera List, who have also provided a special fund for the commissioning of new works not only for this year, but also for the next two years. Park Avenue Synagogue is indeed grateful to Mr. and Mrs. List for their gift.

If You Want an Aliyah

If you are observing a special occasion which should be marked by an *aliyah* during the reading of the Torah at synagogue services, please make your request to the synagogue office at least a week or two beforehand. If you wait until you come to the synagogue on the Sabbath, it is sometimes impossible to rearrange the already prepared schedule of honors for the service to include a last-minute request for an *Aliyah*.

Certain persons are privileged to request an *Aliyah* because of a special occasion: bride and bridegroom and their parents; parents and grand-parents of a newly born child; one who has escaped from danger, or has recovered from a serious illness; a person who is observing a *Yahrzeit*. These occasions may also be marked by an *Aliyah*: a milestone wedding anniversary or birthday, a *Bar Mitzvah* anniversary.

When you call or write the synagogue office to arrange for an *Aliyah*, tell us your name, the occasion and whether you are a Kohen, Levi or Israelite and, for the office records, whether you can chant the *Haftarah*.

Friday Evening Series Will Elaborate Theme Of 80th Anniversary

The eightieth anniversary of Park Avenue Synagogue will be observed in 1962, and a formal program celebrating the historic event will take place on Sunday afternoon, April 1, 1962. Prior to that date, two important Friday evening services will elaborate upon the theme of the eightieth anniversary at which time the role of the synagogue in American life will be discussed. These will be held at Friday evening services in February and March.

The first of these will take place on Friday evening, February 16, when three of the younger members of the congregation will speak on "The Synagogue and the Future of the American Jewish Community." The three gentlemen are Mr. George M. Shapiro, Mr. Sidney J. Silberman and Mr. Asa D. Sokolow.

The second discussion will be on Friday evening, March 30. Two veteran leaders of the congregation, Mr. Saul Godwin, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. Benjamin Sack, past Chairman of the Board of Trustees, will speak on "What the Synagogue Means to Me—Park Avenue Synagogue Past and Present." Following the service that evening, this discussion will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium, thus affording the worshippers an opportunity to take part in the question-and-answer period to follow.

Hopefully, the discussion will serve to clarify the role, purpose and program of the synagogue. It would be well for a goodly number of the members of the congregation to be present to share in the benefits of such discussion and to participate in it themselves.

The members of the congregation are asked to make a note of these two important Friday evenings associated with the eightieth anniversary celebration of our congregation in order to be present together with the members of their families.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, January 198:30 p.m.

"SYNAGOGUE MUSIC BY ISRAELI COMPOSERS"

in observance of Jewish Music Month

Saturday morning, January 209:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Lawrence Andrew Lyttle

son of Mrs. Hanna Lyttle and Mr. Harry David Lyttle

Friday evening, January 268:30 p.m.

"THE RELEVANCE OF THE PROPHETS

I—AMOS"

Saturday morning, January 279:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Kenneth Mark Endelson

son of Mrs. Edward Endelson

Friday evening, February 28:30 p.m.

"THE YOUNG INTELLECTUALS SPEAK OUT—Part Two"

Saturday morning, February 39:30 a.m.

*Rabbi Nadich will speak each Friday evening and Saturday morning
and will conduct the services together with*

*Hazzan David J. Puterman assisted by the synagogue choir
with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

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Jewish Theological Seminary of America

The Bulletin is happy to bring to our readers information of interest about the Jewish Theological Seminary. At a recent Board meeting, Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman, appointed a special committee to foster the Seminary program in our congregation. Mr. I. M. Cohen and Mr. Reuben R. Kaufman are co-chairmen of this committee.

Growth of the Teachers Institute

Over 300 students are now enrolled in the Teachers Institute of the Seminary and over 100 in the *Prozdor*, the preparatory department of the Teachers Institute. A great number of the students of the Teachers Institute, including 30 members of the freshman class, are in the Combined Program with Columbia University which gives college credit for the courses taken in the Institute.

Growth of Faculty

This tremendous growth of the student body is the result of the development of the youth program of Camp Ramah, Leaders Training Fellowship and United Synagogue Youth. Fifteen members have been added to the faculty including a number of younger teachers, themselves products of L.T.F. and Ramah and graduates of the Rabbinical School. The Seminary trains its own teachers and future scholars, and the growth of the student body holds forth the promise of meeting the great need of teachers and rabbis in the years to come.

Some younger members of the faculty, Rabbis Joel Kramer, Yochanan Muffs, and Burton Cohen, Director of the Wisconsin Camp Ramah, who were campers at Ramah in the first year of its existence, have moved from camper to waiter, to counselor-in-training to Counselor, Department Head, and Professor in Residence or Director.

Tax Laws Favor Gifts To Your Place of Worship

Recently the office has received several inquiries in regard to procedures for contributions to the synagogue. We are therefore printing excerpts from an article on this subject prepared by our treasurer, Mr. Milton M. Sivek, for the Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests of which Hon. Maxwell Shapiro is chairman.

It has been the policy of our government to encourage voluntary giving, and our tax laws have actually been written to promote a program of planned, purposeful contributions by making the net tax cost to the donor surprisingly low. We find a sort of statutory approval in those sections of the Internal Revenue Code which permits the deductions from taxable income for *intervivos* gifts and the deduction from the gross estate for testamentary charitable bequests.

The general aim of this outline is to present the areas in which a donor may, by his contribution, fulfill a moral and religious obligation, perpetuate his name or those of his loved ones, and enrich his own life as well as that of our synagogue.

Procedures

The tax objectives for an individual or a corporation are dissimilar. Accordingly, it is suggested that a program for planned charitable contributions be reviewed with the donor's attorney and certified public accountant.

Charitable contributions may be made by individuals, corporations, partnerships, estates and trusts. There are certain limitations with respect to amounts which are deductible as follows:

Individuals—Up to but not in excess of 20% of their adjusted gross income. However, a donor who makes a contribution to Park Avenue Synagogue may deduct an additional 10%. In effect, such donations can be made up to 30% of the individual's adjusted gross income.

Corporations—Contributions are deductible to the extent that they do not exceed 5% of the corporation's taxable income without regard to the charitable contribution itself. However, if the contributions exceed the 5% limitation, the excess may be carried over and deducted in the following two years to the extent that the carry-over contributions for each of the two succeeding years do not exceed the 5% limit.

Special Service to Mark Jewish Music Month

On Friday evening, January 19, a special service will be held in honor of Jewish Music Month which this year will extend from January 20 to February 20.

Hazzan David J. Putterman will present a program of contemporary synagogue music by Israeli composers. Rabbi Nadich will serve as program commentator. The cantor will be assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

Jewish Music Month traditionally begins each year with *Shabbat Shirah*, the Sabbath of Song, which this year occurs on Friday evening, January 19 and Saturday, January 20.

Series on the Prophets On Friday Evenings

A series of teaching sermons on three of the prophets will be offered by Rabbi Nadich on three Friday evenings. The first of these will be on January 26, when Rabbi Nadich will speak on Amos. The other prophets to be discussed will be Isaiah and Jeremiah.

Greater benefit will be derived by the worshippers if they read beforehand in their Bibles at home the book of each prophet to be discussed.

Hebrew Speaking Circle

The Hebrew Speaking Circle, which is now studying the poems of Bialik, held an interesting meeting on January 15. The meetings held in Room 300 of the Milton Steinberg House are open to all who are qualified to carry on a discussion in Hebrew.

— Alexander Richman

Partnerships—Gifts made by the partnership are charged to the respective partners and treated on their own tax returns as in the case of individuals cited above.

Estates—Except for certain technical provisions, the deduction is unlimited, and in particular, free from the ceilings applicable to individual taxpayers. The deduction is also unlimited with respect to specific bequests made to the synagogue in an individual's will.

Subsequent issues of the Bulletin will carry additional articles which we hope will prove informative.

Men's Club News

New Members to be Honored

The next meeting of the Men's Club to be held on Tuesday evening, January 30, 1962, will be devoted to welcoming new members. Through the joint efforts of Mr. Albert Siegel, chairman of the Membership Committee, and Mr. Herman Postel, chairman of the Program Committee, a gala evening has been planned in honor of the forty-five new members who have joined the Men's Club this year.

The festivities will begin with cocktails at seven o'clock and will be followed by a buffet supper. For the entertainment later in the evening, several "name" acts are being considered, which promise to add to the enjoyment of the guests.

All members of the Club are cordially invited, but *only members*. Sorry, no ladies, no friends! The date again — January 30; the time, 7:00 p.m.

Gift of 100 New Prayer Books

The Men's Club is happy to announce that it has donated \$400 to the synagogue for the purchase of the first one hundred new weekday prayer books to be used at the daily chapel services sponsored by the Club.

The new prayer book, published by the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the national body of Conservative rabbis, was recently approved by the Board of Trustees, acting upon the unanimous recommendation of the Ritual Committee.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

Sisterhood News

On Tuesday, February 20, 1962, Sisterhood will hold its annual evening meeting. This is the once-a-year occasion when husbands, as well as friends, are invited to an Open Meeting. This enables Sisterhood to acquaint husbands and friends with the activities, function and purpose of the organization, in addition to affording members and guests an opportunity to become better acquainted and to spend a social evening.

In commemoration of Brotherhood Month, a special skit on this subject will be presented.

Mark the date on your calendar now — Tuesday evening, February 20 — and plan to join Sisterhood. Watch the Bulletin for further details.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Religious School News

Snowstorms

Parents who wish information in the matter of the closing of the Religious School because of inclement weather may be guided by the following:

Hebrew Classes will not be in session on days when the Board of Education closes the New York City public schools.

Saturday and Sunday closings will be announced over radio stations WOR, WNBC and WMCA on programs that usually announce school closings.

Open School Week

The parents of the students in the Religious School are invited to visit the school during Open School Week, January 21 through January 25, as officially proclaimed for all schools in the metropolitan area by the Jewish Education Committee.

Parents whose children attend the Primary Department are asked to come to the school on Sunday, January 21, at 9:45 a.m. to observe the classes during their instruction period. At 11:30, all classes will meet in a special assembly while the parents discuss the curriculum of the grade with the teachers.

On Monday, January 22 and on Tuesday, January 23, the Hebrew Department classes will be visited by the parents and here, too, parents will have an opportunity to observe the instruction and to discuss the work of the class with the teacher.

Parents who recently visited the secular schools attended by their children are urged to come to the Religious School during Open School Week. The visit will not only acquaint them with our work but will also serve to place religious education on a level with secular education in the minds of our students. The interested parent helps to strengthen the prestige and significance of our educational program.

— Martin Leichtling

Bar Mitzvah Schedule Completed for 1962-1963

The *Bar Mitzvah* schedule for September 1962 — June 1963 has been completed. Dates have been assigned to each of the children who will be *Bar Mitzvah* or *Bat Mitzvah* during that period.

Parents Association

Cocktail Party—February 4

Gay camaraderie will be the theme of the Cocktail Party to be given by the Parents Association on Sunday, February 4, 1962 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Norbert Acker and her co-chairman, Mrs. Adolf Stangel, plans are underway for a gala party—the first of its kind to be held by the Parents Group. The following members of the Committee will assist in arranging the details: Mrs. Robert Altman, Mrs. Sheryl Brandt, Mrs. Albert Cornell, Mrs. Joseph Dell, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, Mrs. Jacob Oberman, Mrs. Albert Siegel.

Invitations will soon be in the mail to all parents whose children attend the Primary and Hebrew Departments of the Religious School. The Executive Board looks forward to seeing you on February 4 and to welcoming you at its Cocktail Party.

— Abby Kisch

Mr. and Mrs. Club News

The members of the Mr. and Mrs. Club are still talking about the wonderful "Cocktail-Twist" party held in December. The Lemberg Auditorium was transformed into a replica of the Peppermint Lounge where two dance instructors gave lessons in this latest dance craze.

On January 15, the Club presented Ted Schlesinger, well known hypnotist. Members of the audience participated in this adventure in the realm of the subconscious mind, and everyone agreed that the performance was both educational and entertaining.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club is looking forward to its meeting on February 19, when Rabbi Nadich will address the group. The next Bulletin will carry complete details about this meeting, but the Club hopes you will reserve the date now.

— Mattis Fern

Ceremonial and Gift Shop

Prayer Books — Bibles — Talletim
Mezuzahs — Candle Holders
Hallah Trays — Spice Boxes
Phone: Irma Heller, Chairman of Gift Shop
(AT 9-5500)

Sisterhood Visits Jewish Museum and Theological Seminary

On December 12, fifty members of Sisterhood visited the Jewish Museum and the Jewish Theological Seminary. Below, we are printing excerpts of articles written by Mrs. Leonard M. Leiman and Miss Helen Wargotz, who give their impressions of the interesting visit.

Despite the inclement weather, more than fifty women congregated at the Jewish Museum where they were greeted by Dr. Stephen Kayser, curator of the Museum.

The visit to the Museum included viewing irreplaceable treasures of Judaism. We saw ceremonial objects beautifully wrought by artisans skilled in metal work and in the weaving of cloths, as well as paintings, coins and marriage contracts. One of the many interesting facts pointed out by Dr. Kayser, our gracious host, was that there are few religious objects extant prior to the 15th century, due to the persecutions of the Jews and the pillaging of their property. We were struck by the beauty of the design of the wood used in those days and the secretive way of enclosing the Ark in what seemed to be a large piece of furniture. Dr. Kayser commented on the gay spirit of the Italian Jews in their worship as reflected in the bright, colorful designs they used for ark coverings and in the decorative embellishments on other objects. A most impressive ark covering was one done by four women named Rebecca in the city of Pitigliano. Embroidered in bright colors, it had an unusually gay design.

Among the many interesting items on display was a 1000 year old marriage contract which had been contributed to the Museum by our members, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lemberg.

Started in 1906 with twenty-seven objects given by Mr. Meyer Salzberg, the Museum now houses more than 6000 objects. A new three-story addition facing Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street is to be built as a result of half a million dollars, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List, members of our synagogue.

Visit to the Seminary

Our next visit at the Jewish Theological Seminary was all too brief! Here, we were taken on a tour of the Seminary by Miss Anna Kleban, who enchanted us with her descriptions of various books,

Bar Mitzvah Pilgrimage To Israel — 1962

The Departments of Education and Culture of the American Zionist Council and of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem announce a *Bar Mitzvah* Pilgrimage to Israel in the summer of 1962 for children born in 1949.

The Pilgrimage for thirteen-year-old American children includes an educational program combined with extensive touring throughout the land. The young pilgrims will be fully supervised at all times. This program offers a fine opportunity for American boys and girls to come of age in Judaism by visiting Israel.

Those interested are requested to contact *Bar Mitzvah* Pilgrimage Committee, 515 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

New Program at Museum For School-age Groups

The Jewish Museum announces a new program for school-age groups. In addition to guided tours on Sundays from 11:00 to 6:00 p.m., tours are offered on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Movies, appropriate to the season, will also be shown on Wednesday afternoons.

Arrangements for group visits can be made by calling the Museum RI 9-3770. The Wednesday afternoon schedule is as follows: guided tour at 2:15; movie in the auditorium at 3:15; guided tour at 4:00.

particularly a *Megillah*, beautifully printed with a lace-like border and rolled out of a tiny metal case. In contrast to the "Langer *Megillah*", it is the shortest *Megillah* in print. Imagine our delight at seeing a Bible printed in Hebrew which had been fingered by Robert Browning and his wife!

The Seminary consists of several buildings: the Rabbinical School and the Graduate School, the Cantorial School, the Seminary College and the Teachers' Institute all of which we found most interesting.

This visit to these great institutions of learning was an occasion long to be remembered. Sisterhood expresses its gratitude to Mrs. Samuel Lemberg and Mrs. Albert A. List who acted as hostesses, and to Mrs. David Rapoport, who planned the program.

Hebrew Courses

The new semester for the intensive study of Hebrew has begun with three groups of interested students who meet on Monday evenings at the following time: Elementary Hebrew 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Intermediate Hebrew from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Advanced Hebrew from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. On Thursday mornings, the Intermediate Hebrew classes meet from 10 to 12 o'clock.

These classes are instructed by Dr. Aaron Giat, a member of our synagogue. Dr. Giat has specialized in adult Jewish education and has taught at Hunter College, the Adult School of Jewish Studies of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Teachers' Seminary.

The purpose of the courses is to give students reading and conversational ability in Hebrew. No fee is charged, and all members are invited to attend. If you have missed some of the sessions, Dr. Giat wishes to assure you that you will soon "catch up". For you who anticipate taking a trip to Israel, the courses should be a "must", because they offer an opportunity for you to learn to speak and understand conversational Hebrew.

Mrs. Vivian Finkel's afternoon classes have resumed enthusiastically: Hebrew I on Tuesdays and Hebrew II on Wednesdays, both at 1:30 p.m.

Welfare Fund

Park Avenue Synagogue maintains a Welfare Fund which answers requests from worthy agencies, institutions and individuals as well as requests from authors of scholarly works for assistance.

Your contribution to this fund is invited. Checks can be made out to Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund and sent to the synagogue office. In the past, a number of members have sent contributions to the fund to help those in need. This was particularly true when assistance was requested to help chaplains furnish Passover food for some 17,000 Jewish residents in hospitals and homes for the mentally and physically ill.

"Where is the dwelling of God?"

This was the question with which the Rabbi of Kotzk surprised a number of learned men who were visiting him. They laughed at him. "What a thing to ask? Is not the whole world full of his glory?" Then he answered his own question: "God dwells wherever man lets him in." (Martin Buber in "Tales of Hasidim.")

Journeys to Israel and Across the United States Offered for Young People This Summer

At the *Oneg Shabbat* following the annual Friday evening Youth Service on December 15, two young people who spoke of their experiences last summer held the attention of the large attendance. Miss Susan Carr spoke of her adventures as a member of the United Synagogue Youth group which made a Pilgrimage to Israel. Miss Lois Finkel offered a review of her experiences as a member of the USY group that crossed the United States and visited various national parks. Afterwards, a number of persons inquired about the possibility of their own young people making such trips this coming summer.

The first announcement has recently been made about such trips for next summer, and we are asked to inform the national United Synagogue Youth office before the end of January 1962 about those interested.

The USY Pilgrimage to Israel consists of a six-week stay in that country. This will be the seventh annual such Pilgrimage led by rabbis and educators. Any active USY member between the ages of 15 and 17 may apply. The all-inclusive fee will be \$950.

This year, for the first time, there will also be an ATID Pilgrimage to Israel, a six-week stay for young men and women graduating from high school as of June 1962, or currently enrolled in college, who are 18 to 24 years old and whose families are members of a United Synagogue congregation. The all-inclusive fee is the same as for the USY Pilgrimage.

For the same age group there will be, in addition, an ATID European Pilgrimage covering points of general and Jewish interest in the major cities of western Europe climaxed by a twelve-day study tour of Israel. The all-inclusive fee for this six weeks' tour will be \$1250.

The "Camp USY-on-Wheels Through the U.S.A." is a seven-week cross-country tour for USY members between the ages of 13 and 17. The group will not exceed 37 participants. It travels in a chartered, air-conditioned bus, with stops at reserved hotels. The fee is \$595.

Further information about these educational tours may be secured from Mr. Irving Goldberg, Youth Director of Park Avenue Synagogue, EN 9-2600.

Annual USY Convention

A special dramatic program at the Manhattan Center titled "Step up to 613" was the feature of the 11th annual United Synagogue Youth Convention held recently at the Statler Hilton Hotel in New York City.

The program based on the convention theme "Sanctify Us by Thy Commandments" was attended by more than 1200 delegates representing USY chapters in the U.S. and Canada. "Step up to 613", a series of programmatic units dealing with the theme, was performed by professionals as well as USYers, and included a special dedication ceremony.

Jewish Omnibus Series

The 92nd Street YM-YWHA, at Lexington Avenue and 92 Street, offers a splendid variety of Adult Education courses under the general title of "Jewish Omnibus Series". Courses are offered in Jewish history, Bible, religion and literature. The second semester is soon to begin. Those interested may secure further information by inquiring at the Jewish Omnibus office of the 92nd Street Y, AT 9-2400.

Book Inscriptions Are Available

A number of Prayer Books are available for dedication. These books may be inscribed in honor of some happy event in your family, or in memory of a beloved departed relative or friend. A special book plate will appear on the inside of each book, giving the name of those in whose honor or memory the book is dedicated.

For further information, please phone Mr. Martin Leichtling, executive secretary of the synagogue (EN 9-2600).

Memorial Tablets

To keep alive the precious memory of our beloved departed is a sacred rite in Jewish tradition. You can perpetuate the memory of dear ones by inscribing their names on our bronze *Yahrzeit* Memorial Tablets.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, January 194:37 p.m.
Friday, January 264:45 p.m.
Friday, February 24:54 p.m.

Exhibition at Museum Fosters Remembrance Of Nazi Holocaust

YadVashem, the official memorial authority dedicated to foster the eternal remembrance of the millions of martyrs and heroes, victims of the Nazi holocaust, has sent a representative to America to organize an exhibition descriptive of Jewish existence in the ghettos and camps.

The exhibition will be on display until February 1, 1962 at the Jewish Museum, Fifth Avenue and 92 Street, Mondays through Thursdays from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Special arrangements can be made for group visits.

The New York Board of Rabbis calls your attention to the specifically designed Lamp of Remembrance — the *Yahrzeit* Lamp for martyred millions.

THE COHEN LIBRARY

The Cohen Library of Park Avenue Synagogue is open for visiting, browsing or borrowing on Sunday and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:45 to 5:45 p.m. It is well equipped with basic books and others, fiction and non-fiction, of interest to young and old. Its resources are available under the supervision of our Librarian, Mrs. Hilde Kisch. Members may enroll free of charge to borrow books.

A selection of recent acquisitions by the Cohen Library: Robert Gamzey, *In-gathering: A journalist's report on the return of the exiles to the Holy Land*.

John Briggs, *Leonard Bernstein, the Man, His Work and His World*. This volume is a candid portrait of the gifted musician, who at the age of 25 became the conductor of the New York Philharmonic.

Irving Fineman, *Woman of Valor. The Life of Henrietta Szold 1860-1945*. This is a biography of the great Zionist leader and founder of Hadassah.

Samuel Halperin, *The Political World of American Zionism*. This book depicts the role played by the American Jewish community in the birth of Israel.

Some novels that might be of special interest are Daniel Spicehandler, *Burnt Offering*; Gerda Charles, *The Crossing Point*; and Bernard Malamud, *A New Life*.

Congratulations

If a congregant has celebrated a milestone birthday or anniversary and would like the occasion recorded in the Bulletin, please notify the editor (EN 9-2600). The policy of the Bulletin is to record only milestone events, after the event has taken place. We shall also be happy to be informed of engagements and marriages of our members or of their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander E. Arnstein upon the birth of a granddaughter, Pamela Biel.

Dr. and Mrs. Arnold L. Bachman upon the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Ruth to Jon Eric Mendelson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Roy Chalk upon their 30th wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Druss upon the marriage of their daughter, Susan to Alan David Alan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Freedman upon the birth of a granddaughter, Susan Carol Benenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Gevirtz upon their 50th wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Giat upon their 20th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gore upon the engagement of their daughter, Sara Lewis to Mr. Louis Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Greenberg upon the marriage of their son, Charles H. to Doris Elaine Baskin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halbren upon their 35th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heller upon their 45th wedding anniversary.

Prof. and Mrs. Guido Kisch upon the engagement of their son, Dr. Alexander L. Kisch, to Miss Alice D. Katcher.

Gen. Melvin L. Krulewitch upon the marriage of his son, Elihu Peter, to Julia Uris.

Mr. Joseph Rose upon his 92nd birthday.

Judge and Mrs. Irving Rosen upon the marriage of their son, Michael Herbert, to Barbara Ann Alpert.

Mrs. Henry Roth upon her 83rd birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lee Shapiro upon their 10th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Harry J. Sokolow upon his 80th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Stangel upon their 30th wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer upon their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zacks upon their 10th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Estelle Zuckerman upon the birth of a granddaughter, Linda Sue Rodin.

Our Sewing Group

Recently Mrs. Louis Greenstein and Mrs. Harold Osserman, chairmen of the Sewing Group, received the following letter of appreciation from the New York Medical College for items of clothing and afghans which the ladies had made for the children. The letter reads:

I want to express my appreciation to you and the ladies of your Sewing Group for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Each garment has its own individual beauty and charm. These gifts are particularly meaningful to our patients at this holiday season, as these are people who are carrying heavy economic burdens and would not otherwise be able to enjoy the luxury which you have given them.

Many thanks again to each of you, and may you continue your noteworthy efforts for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Harold Abramson, *Director*

Condolences

Mr. Arthur Hillman upon the death of his father, Frank Hillman.

Rabbi Judah Nadich upon the death of his sister, Gertrude Liss.

Mrs. Joseph Shampman upon the death of her husband, Joseph Shampman; Mr. Louis Shampman upon the death of his brother.

Miss Rivia Lea Shapiro upon the death of her mother, Ida Shapiro.

Mrs. Rhoda Tedoff upon the death of her sister, Shirley Gittler.

Act Now!

"One of the major steps this synagogue has taken was the momentous decision made by the Board of Trustees to approve the purchase of burial rights in the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery, Westchester County. Under the superb leadership of Mr. Saul Godwin and Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum as chairman and co-chairman of the Cemetery Committee, we now own two acres."

The above excerpt was taken from the annual report of Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, at the Congregational meeting in May, 1960. Since that time, Park Avenue Synagogue *has added a third acre*. Deeds have been issued to many congregants who have obtained plots ranging in size from four to twelve graves. Special rules and regulations have been adopted by the Board of Trustees to insure the best possible care and upkeep of Sharon Gardens.

It is a source of security and comfort to know that you have protected your family by securing a resting place for your dear ones in the midst of surroundings of dignity and beauty. The selection of a plot can best be made when there is time for personal inspection and calm judgment.

A phone call to Mr. Martin Leichtling, executive secretary of the synagogue, at EN 9-2600, will give you complete details about Sharon Gardens, one of New York's finest Jewish cemeteries. Act now!

— RMR

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service

5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

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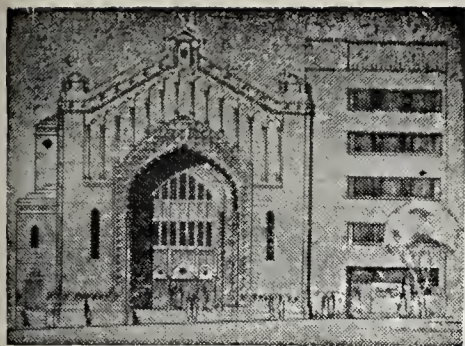
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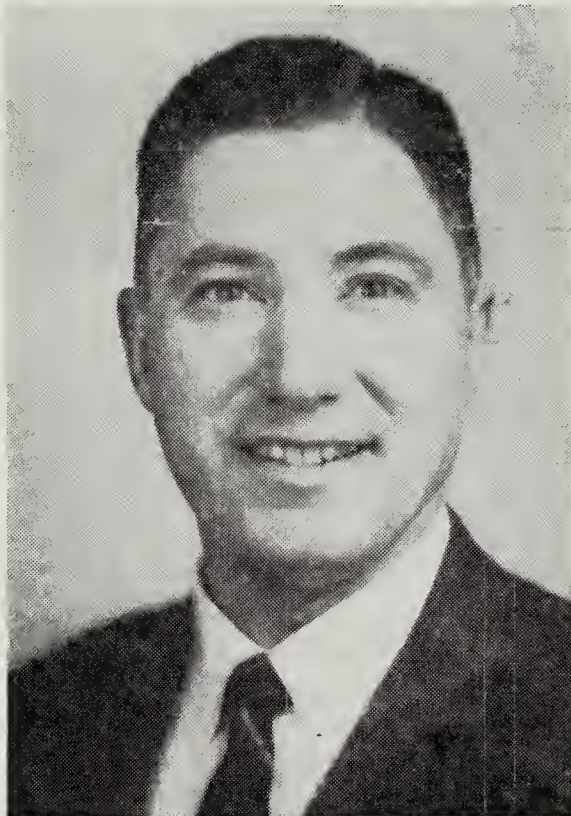
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80th Anniversary Celebration of Park Avenue Synagogue Heralded at Service Young Synagogue Leaders Will Address Congregation on February 16



George M. Shapiro



Sidney J. Silberman



Asa D. Sokolow

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, February 9 8:30 p.m.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"JEWS OF THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH"**

Saturday morning, February 10 9:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Zuckerman
son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin A. Zuckerman**

Friday evening, February 16 8:30 p.m.

**Eightieth Anniversary Series
Messrs. George M. Shapiro, Sidney J. Silberman
and Asa D. Sokolow will speak on
"THE SYNAGOGUE AND**

THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY"
Discussion Period and Oneg Shabbat following service

Saturday morning, February 17 9:30 a.m.

Friday evening, February 23 8:30 p.m.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"THE RELEVANCE OF THE PROPHETS"
II — ISAIAH**

Saturday morning, February 24 9:30 a.m.

ANNUAL YOUTH SABBATH

*Rabbi Nadich will speak each Friday evening and Saturday morning
and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman
assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

The first of two special Friday evening services heralding the eightieth anniversary of Park Avenue Synagogue will take place on Friday evening, February 16, at 8:30 p.m. Three young synagogue leaders, the Messrs. George M. Shapiro, Sidney J. Silberman and Asa D. Sokolow, will discuss the subject "The Synagogue and the Future of the American Jewish Community". A discussion period will follow in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Mr. Shapiro is a member of the Ritual Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue. He and the other two speakers are distinguished members of the legal profession. He was counsel to former Governor Thomas E. Dewey and recently served as chief counsel to the Constitutional Revision Commission. For four years until 1960, he also served as counsel to the president *pro tem* and majority leader of the State Senate. He is chairman of the Council for the State University Colleges of Medicine, member of the Board of Trustees of Long Island

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80th Anniversary Heralded at Service

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University and a former member of the Board of Visitors of Columbia Law School. He is on the executive board of the American Jewish Committee. Last year he received a citation from the American Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry for his work in the development of the Eilat-Haifa pipeline.

Mr. Silberman is a member of the Board of Trustees of Park Avenue Synagogue, and also serves on the Adult Education Committee and the Youth Activities Committee. Like Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Sokolow, he is a veteran of World War II. He has rendered service to the United Jewish Appeal and to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and is a member of the Federation's Law Committee.

Mr. Sokolow is a member of the Board of Trustees of Park Avenue Synagogue, and in addition serves as chairman of the Law Committee and member of the Ritual Committee, the School Board, the Committee on Conservative Judaism and the Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests. He was formerly a member of the Advisory Council, president of the Young Married Group, chairman of the Library Committee and a member of the committees on Membership, Adult Education and By-Laws Revision. He is part of the only father-and-son team on the Board of Trustees of the Congregation. His father, Mr. Harry J. Sokolow, preceded him on the board and both are members now. Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow is a long-time leader in the Sisterhood and in the congregation.

The three gentlemen are regarded as extraordinarily able in their profession and have always been keenly interested in Judaism and the synagogue. Their ideas on the future role of the American synagogue in general and Park Avenue Synagogue in particular should be stimulating, and the entire congregation is invited to be present for what should be a thought-provoking evening.

The second Friday evening service in this special series dedicated to the eightieth anniversary of the congregation will be March 30.

The formal observance of the eightieth anniversary will take place on Sunday, April 1, in the afternoon. Plans for the occasion are being prepared by a committee headed by Dr. Milton Helpern.

Subjects of Lectures By Rabbi Nadich For Future Services

On Friday evening, February 9, Rabbi Nadich will speak on "Jews of the South and the North".

America is in the midst of the celebration of the Civil War centennial, and on this Friday evening before Lincoln's birthday the rabbi will speak on the ideas, opinions and sentiments of the Jews of the South and the North during the great conflict between the states one hundred years ago. The lecture will be based primarily on a number of fascinating memoirs, letters and other original documents which were published recently.

At the service on Friday evening, February 23, the rabbi will speak on "The Relevance of the Prophets", II—Isaiah. This is the second in a series of teaching sermons given once monthly on the significance of the prophets for our contemporary thinking. It would be most useful—and interesting—for the worshippers to read the book of Isaiah in their own Bibles at home during the week before the service on February 23.

Purim Party — March 19

Just an advance reminder that the annual congregational Purim Party will take place this year on Monday evening, March 19, in the Lemberg Auditorium. It will be preceded by the reading of the Megillah in the main synagogue.

Chairman of the party is Mrs. Adolf Stangel, whose artistic and creative talents are known to all of us. Regina has already made extensive plans which should make this party the highlight of the year.

We hope you will reserve the date now and plan to join us for a gay celebration of this happy holiday. Complete details will appear in a future Bulletin.

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Annual Youth Service Saturday, February 24

The Annual Sabbath Youth Service has always been a particularly noteworthy occasion at Park Avenue Synagogue. Our Youth Groups, including the two United Synagogue affiliates and the Teen-age Congregation, as well as our Park Avenue League and the Boy Scouts, anticipate this event with intense interest, emotional attachment and pride. This year, Saturday, February 24, has been designated as Annual Youth Sabbath.

Preparation for this event has been going on for some time in each of the youth groups with the Teen-age Congregation serving as the testing ground for the selection of those members who will conduct the services. In addition to those who will have specific Hebrew and English parts in the service, the choral group under the direction of its leader, Alan Mehlman, hopes to have selections suitable for rendition prepared for that time.

Among the most active in the Teen-age Congregation are: Steve Braun, Beth Brown, Susan Carr, Jeffrey Dell, Ellen Fishkind, Simeon Grater, Richard Hurtig, Viola Hurtig, Stanley Kurzweil, Robert Leifert, Larry Marks, Alana Martin, Faye Mergrun, Leah Nadich, James Rubinstein, Dave Salzman and Jonathan Stowe.

To heighten the importance of this day, the Inter-club Council through assistant Youth Director, Harvey Fersten, has invited members of the youth group of the Beth Tzedec Congregation from Toronto, Canada, for a "Home Hospitality Week-End". Plans for this aspect of the program have not yet been finalized, but we are certain that our international venture will prove of great interest and have marked educational value. Lois Finkel is chairman of this undertaking and James Rubinstein, associate chairman. Simeon Grater will serve as coordinator, and Stanley Kurzweil as liaison for the United Synagogue Youth.

— Irving Goldberg



CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, February 9 5:03 p.m.
Friday, February 16 5:11 p.m.
Friday, February 23 5:19 p.m.

Tax Laws Favor Gifts To Your Place of Worship

This is the second in a series of articles to appear in the Bulletin in answer to inquiries in regard to procedures for making contributions to our synagogue. We have taken the information from an article on this subject prepared by our treasurer, Mr. Milton M. Sivek, for the committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests of which Hon. Maxwell Shapiro is chairman.

Background

A forceful, constructive and forward looking financial program is required in order for Park Avenue Synagogue to endure, flourish and expand its essential services to its congregants and to the community. This should be of prime concern to thoughtful congregants who, by their generous financial participation, will assist in strengthening Park Avenue Synagogue.

How Gifts May Be Made

- 1—Outright donations for occasions of joy, special events, endowments of synagogue services and facilities, memorial gifts, etc.
- 2—Gifts of property. Any kind of property may be contributed and a deduction will be permitted up to its full market value regardless of the cost to the donor. The property may include—but not be limited to—stocks, bonds, real estate and other investments. A real tax saving is afforded the donor particularly where such property has appreciated in value since the donor does not pay any tax on the appreciation.
- 3—Creation of a short-term charitable trust wherein, for the period of the trust, the income from the trust property is distributed to Park Avenue Synagogue, and the principal reverts to the creator at the end of the trust term. These trusts may be established for a period as short as two years. The person who establishes such a trust divests himself of the income it produces. Accordingly, it is excluded from his own taxable income even though the property reverts to him upon the termination of the trust. This is particularly suited to individuals who are in a high tax bracket and who retain a small portion of their top bracket income.
- 4—Life Insurance policies—A life insurance policy which is now in force may be absolutely assigned to Park Avenue Synagogue, and the donor will receive an immediate deduction for the cash value as well as deductions for future annual premiums. Or a policy may now be negotiated wherein the donor

insures his own life and the synagogue is named the beneficiary. If the right to change the beneficiary is not reserved, the annual premiums paid will constitute a charitable deduction. Moreover, the proceeds of such policies will not be included in the estate of the decedent.

5—Section 306 stock—This is often referred to as “tainted” or “bailout” preferred stock which, if sold or redeemed, will probably constitute ordinary income to the stock holder. However, should such stock be donated to the synagogue, it would be treated in the same manner as any “non-tainted” security.

Similar results would be obtained by donors who contribute other types of property, the proceeds from the sale of which would otherwise be taxable as ordinary income.

6—Creation of a charitable trust by contributing income producing property to the trust with the income to go to the creator during his and/or his wife's lifetime, and after the death of both, the property to go to the synagogue. He enjoys an immediate income tax deduction computed mathematically on the present value and, if he wishes, can be the trustee of this charitable trust.

7—Bargain Sales to the synagogue—This is an excellent arrangement for persons who would be willing to contribute paper profits but are reluctant to part with their capital. Essentially, this is accomplished by selling property to the synagogue for less than its present fair market value.

8—Bequests — When preparing one's will, provision can be made for a bequest to Park Avenue Synagogue. Or your estate planning might consider a program of annual donations to the synagogue coupled with a testamentary bequest. Bequests, legacies, devises etc. are deductible from the gross estate of the decedent in accordance with existing laws which encourage such bequests.

9—Family charitable foundations—During recent years, many such foundations have been created. The trustees should be urged to consider Park Avenue Synagogue when compiling their annual list of contributions.

10—Corporation gifts—To a corporation which is in the 52% bracket, the net cost of giving is only 48 cents on the dollar. Officers of corporations should be encouraged to consider the synagogue when making their contributions.

Men's Club News

The Men's Club meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 1962 will be devoted to the observance of Brotherhood Month. A fitting program is being planned by Mr. Herman Postel, chairman of Program, and his committee

Meeting on February 27

In observing Brotherhood Week, the Club will present a panel discussion in which the following will take part: Rabbi Judah Nadich, Rev. John Bartle Everts and Rev. George Ford.

The topic, which should prove interesting and thought-provoking will be: “What can the lay person of all faiths do in his daily life, socially and in business, to ameliorate religious, racial and social prejudice, and practically promote the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God?”

The meeting will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. Ladies are invited on this special occasion.

New Members Night Well Attended

At the New Members' meeting held on January 30, forty-five new members were welcomed into the ranks of the Club. The evening began with cocktails followed by a buffet supper. Later in the evening the guests were entertained by Emil Cohen, one of the outstanding humorists and entertainers today.

Our thanks to Mr. Albert Siegel, chairman of this supper party, for an unusually delightful evening.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

Conclusions

There are many more areas in which devoted and dedicated congregants may consider Park Avenue Synagogue as the recipient of their generosity. The writer has merely listed ten in order to have a *minyan*. The foregoing suggestions have endeavored to indicate how a donor may, through the utilization of favorable tax laws provisions, achieve the personal gratification of benefiting Park Avenue Synagogue at small cost to himself.

The generosity of a donor is prompted not only by his genuine interest in Judaism and the synagogue, but also by the understandable human desire for prestige and the perpetuation of his memory and those of his dear ones. The Talmud teaches us the three central principles in Judaism: Torah, service to God, and service to humanity. Few *mitzvot* are so highly regarded in Judaism as philanthropy. How better can we fulfill the meaning of our existence?

Sisterhood News

Evening Meeting—Feb. 20

Tuesday evening, February 20, 1962, is the date set for Sisterhood's annual evening meeting which husbands, as well as friends, are invited to attend.

In commemoration of Brotherhood Month, a play entitled "Boys At Large", by Nora Stirling will be presented. This play which was written with the consultative help of Dr. David Levy, a psychiatrist, vividly shows some of the causes for juvenile delinquency and points out that every boy should be treated individually if he is to be helped to a new and useful life.

Following the presentation of the play, a discussion period will take place. The commentator will be Mr. Sande R. Jones, director of Operation Nature, a unique camping program for deviant teen-agers. Mr. Jones has done extensive work with young people on the lower East Side.

Sisterhood looks forward to greeting you at this open meeting on Tuesday evening, February 20.

Support the Gift Shop

Mrs. Charles Bennet and Mrs. Jack Boneparth open their gift shop prior to the beginning of every Sisterhood meeting. Here you will find a wonderful selection of gifts which make perfect hostess, birthday, or anniversary presents. By patronizing your Sisterhood Gift shop, you will do your part in helping the Offering Fund.

Ceremonial Gift Shop

Mrs. Milton Heller wants to remind you that the Ceremonial Gift Shop will soon be brimming with wonderful gifts for Passover—beautiful *Kiddush* cups, *Haggadahs*, Passover trays, *Seder* plates—to mention only a few. Irma is always eager to serve you. Just phone her AT 9-5500, and she will arrange to show you her treasures.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Hebrew Speaking Circle

The Hebrew Speaking Circle of Park Avenue Synagogue will hold its next meeting in Room 300 of the Milton Steinberg House on Monday, February 19, at 9:00 p.m. The subject for discussion will be the poems of Bialik. All who are qualified to carry on a discussion in Hebrew are invited to attend.

— Alexander Richman

Parents Association

Eternal Light Script to be Given

The Parents Association is proud to announce that it is planning an entertaining, informative program for its open meeting on Wednesday, February 28. Under the capable guidance of Mrs. James A. Sasnor, Program chairman, the presentation of an Eternal Light radio script, entitled "The Genie in the Lamp" by Irwin Gonshak will be performed as it was actually given as a radio show. With scripts in hand, mothers and fathers of the Parents Association will enact the play.

This program was made possible through the courtesy and cooperation of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Following the "broadcast" the group and their guests will be addressed by Mr. Samuel Dinsky, who is the consultant to the Jewish Education Committee of the United Synagogue Schools of New York City.

We sincerely hope that the entire congregation will attend this unusual meeting on February 28 when the Eternal Light comes to Park Avenue Synagogue. Please calendar the date now.

Cocktail Party a Success

On February 4, the Parents Association gave a gala cocktail party for the parents of children who are currently attending the Primary and Hebrew departments of the Religious School. Our heartiest thanks to Mrs. Norbert Acker, chairman, and to Mrs. Adolf Stangel, co-chairman, and their committee whose planning and attention to detail made the evening such a complete success.

— Abby Kirsch

Bar Mitzvah Boy Aids Scholarship Fund

Andrew Winning, who was Bar Mitzvah recently, has followed the example of several other Bar Mitzvah boys who have made contributions out of their own funds to the Scholarship Fund of our school.

This fund is used to pay for the tuition of those students in our Religious School whose parents cannot afford to pay for them.

We congratulate Andrew upon this splendid, generous deed.

Religious School News

The Religious School always advises parents and students of the dates when the school will not conduct sessions because of the observance of a religious or public holiday.

Parents, however, may be guided by the following rule in the matter of Religious School closing on public holidays:

The Religious School does not hold sessions on public holidays that are observed by the New York City Public Schools.

The Religious School will be closed on Lincoln's birthday, Monday, February 12, and on Washington's birthday, Thursday, February 22, 1962.

— Martin Leichtling

Mr. and Mrs. Club

The Mr. and Mrs. Club is pleased to announce that Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak at the next open meeting of the Mr. and Mrs. Club on Monday, February 19, at 8:30 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. His topic will be: "What Kind of Synagogue Are We?" We are certain that this will be an extremely informative and enjoyable evening which everyone is cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served, and a social evening will follow.

Plans are already underway for the dance the Club will hold on Saturday evening, March 31, and we are all looking forward to this affair.

Many prominent artists have been contacted for the annual Art Show sponsored by the Mr. and Mrs. Club. This year, the exhibit will take place in April and promises to be bigger and better than ever.

— Andy Fier

Book Inscriptions Are Available

A number of Prayer Books are available for dedication. These books may be inscribed in honor of some happy event in your family, or in memory of a beloved departed relative or friend. A special book plate will appear on the inside of each book, giving the name of those in whose honor or memory the book is dedicated.

For further information, please phone Mr. Martin Leichtling, executive secretary of the synagogue (EN 9-2600).

UJA: Reunion with Life

"Mommy, mommy, I'm ready to go home!"

These are the words which Ani's mother had been waiting to hear since that day a year ago when she had brought her child to the mental institution for help.

The hope expressed in these words is the gift which the United Jewish Appeal can give to some 10,000 mentally ill human beings in Israel. They are words of reunion—a reunion with life.

There is another dramatic reunion going on in Israel today, a reunion with freedom. Once again Jews by the thousands are on the move from places where today is bleak, and tomorrow holds forth little hope. Thousands of people are searching for new hope in a new home, and consequently immigration is much greater than any that Israel has experienced in the last decade.

Immigration and Mental Health! These are the challenges which must be met through UJA's opportunity fund to save and to rebuild lives. Let's give our synagogue UJA committee sponsored by Sisterhood and the Parents Association our fullest support. Chairman of the Sisterhood Committee in behalf of UJA is Mrs. Richard Rudell; co-chairman, Mrs. Joel Levitt, Mrs. Albert Cornell is chairman of the Parents Association Committee.

Manhattan's Opening Day Luncheon will take place in the Sert Room of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on February 14, at which time Ambassador Avraham Harman will be the guest speaker. After the luncheon, there will be a panel discussion during which Howard K. Smith, Mrs. Marietta Tr  e, William I. Mitchell, George L. Warren and Ruth Gruber Michaels will take part.

We are expecting a record attendance on that day.

— Freda Sack

We Take Pride In Our Members ...

Mrs. Irving Mitchell Felt, who has been elected a trustee of the Jewish Child Care Association of New York for a term of five years.

Av Westin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Westin, who is Production Director for C.B.S. News in London. Last year Mr. Westin won the "Emmy" award for "Population Explosion" filmed in India.

Books at a Glance

A selection of recent acquisitions by the Cohen Library is as follows:

Sheldon H. Blank, *Jeremiah: Man and Prophet*. Jeremiah's relation to God and the portrayal of his character are the theme of this book. According to the author's statement, "What Jeremiah said as a prophet is offered, arranged and evaluated."

Lena Kuchler-Silberman, *One Hundred Children*. This is the thrilling story of a heroic woman, who, having lost her husband and child during the holocaust of the war in Poland, rescued 100 Jewish war orphans from starvation in a Jewish refugee center. Later, she led them, via France, to Israel where they could build happy and useful lives for themselves.

Robert Penn Warren, *Wilderness: A Tale of the Civil War*. In this novel the author, a recipient of the Pulitzer Prize and other awards, relates the adventures and experiences of Adam Rosenberg, who left a Bavarian ghetto in 1863 to fight in the Union Army of America. His inner struggles and final discovery that in this world he must live by idealism are convincingly presented.

Walter Kaufmann, *Religion from Tolstoy to Camus*. This book contains a selection of literary works by such authors as Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Wilde, Freud, Buber, Albert Schweitzer, and Camus, all dealing with religion. The purpose of the texts is to lead the reader to a deeper understanding of that vital force.

Donald Keys, ed., *God and the H-Bomb*. Foreword by Steve Allen. Twenty-three Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish spiritual leaders—Bishop James E. Pike, Paul Tillich, Fulton Sheen, Martin Buber, Israel Goldstein—to name only a few, have contributed articles to this volume that sound warnings on the threat of nuclear annihilation. All contributions forcefully drive home the point that religious inspiration and practice are the main hope for saving mankind from perishing.

Yaakov Morris, *Masters of the Desert, 6000 Years in the Negev*. The author, Israel's Consul in New York, offers a well-written history of the Negev, the great desert comprising about half of Israel. He depicts the struggle and the tremendous modern achievements of today's Israeli settlers and draws parallels between their culture and that of the ancient Nabateans, Romans, and

Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Will Honor Secretary Hodges And Five Leaders in Jewish Life

Secretary of Commerce, Luther H. Hodges, and five Jewish communal leaders will be honored by The Jewish Theological Seminary of America in Miami Beach on Tuesday, February 27.

Secretary Hodges will receive The Seminary Medal "for having introduced the ethical dimension into business". The medal will be awarded at a special convocation at Temple Emanu-El, where public figures, renowned scholars and business and industrial leaders will gather to witness the exercises. Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Seminary, will present the medal to Secretary Hodges. The only other recipient of The Seminary Medal was Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who received it on his last visit to this country.

A highlight of the exercises will be the Third Annual Samuel Friedland Lecture, which will be delivered by Dr. Moshe Greenberg, a graduate of the Seminary and presently a member of the faculty of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of the University of Pennsylvania.

Following the convocation, a dinner will be held in the Miami Beach Auditorium, where the guests of honor will be the recipients of the Seminary's National Community Service Award for "distinctive and continuing service to the community at large". The recipients will be Samuel J. Halperin of Miami Beach, Bertram Loeb of Ottawa, Phillip Leff of New York, Irving Maidman of Upper Nyack (N.Y.) and Louis Stein of Philadelphia.

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Byzantines, who lived there thousands of years ago. He also deals with sociological aspects, and endeavors to build the new state out of immigrants from the Orient and the Occident.

— Hilde Kisch, librarian

Congratulations

If a congregant has celebrated a milestone birthday or anniversary and would like the occasion recorded in the Bulletin, please notify the editor (EN 9-2600). The policy of the Bulletin is to record only milestone events, after the event has taken place. We shall also be happy to be informed of engagements and marriages of our members or of their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Bernstein upon the marriage of their grandson, Richard Webster to Lannie Gwendolyn Bloomingdale. Congratulations also to the Bernsteins upon the birth of a great granddaughter, Laurie Sandra Botein.

Mr. and Mrs. Manny E. Duell upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Kerstein upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sabsevitiz upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

It is written that Moses said, "I have done according to all that Thou hast commanded me". (Deuteronomy 26:14) That means, I have rejoiced and caused others to rejoice.

—Sifre on Deuteronomy

Courses for Hospital Volunteer Service

There is great need in the hospitals of New York for daytime volunteers. The rewarding opportunities for those who serve are many.

In February, the United Hospital Fund of New York will offer a new type of orientation to hospital volunteer service. This will be a three-day workshop entitled "Hospitals Are People". This new approach to training will prepare volunteers for a more creative experience. There are no educational requirements or fees. Those who are interested are asked to telephone the Volunteer Training Program of the United Hospital Fund at PL 4-1080.

In addition, a five-week training course for Patients' Library volunteers will be held on Wednesdays starting March 7, 1962.

More Contributions To PAS Welfare Fund

The Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund is often called upon to render assistance to important causes and to needy individuals whose cases are not covered by the community's charitable organizations. In addition, scholars turn to us for aid in the publication of the results of their research.

Recent contributions to the Welfare Fund have included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hausman, in memory of Gertrude Nadich Liss; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Perlman, in honor of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Rabbi Nadich; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lukaczer, in honor of Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich; Mrs. Milton Paul, in appreciation for prayers offered for the recovery of Mr. Paul; Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum; Mr. M. Kornhauser; Mr. Alfred M. Erlich; Mrs. Gertrude R. Wachsmann, in memory of Jesse Rosenberg; Mr. Franklin H. Wolfe, in memory of Joseph H. Cohen; Mrs. Rose M. Levy, upon the *yahrzeit* of her husband; Miss Sylvia Mervankin, on the *yahrzeit* of her mother; and "an anonymous donation for the poor".

Contributions to the Welfare Fund of Park Avenue Synagogue will be greatly appreciated.

The Welfare Fund Committee is as follows: Mr. Samuel Lemberg, chairman, and Messrs. Benjamin Sack and Milton M. Sivek, with Rabbi Judah Nadich in an advisory capacity.

Change of Address

Members of the congregation are requested to notify the office promptly (telephone EN 9-2600) when a change of address has been made or is being contemplated.

Condolences

Mrs. Stanley Garfinkel and Mrs. Irving Oshinsky upon the death of their sister, Mrs. Paul (Hannah) Batt.

Mr. Emanuel Rosenthal upon the death of his brother, Milton.

Mrs. Irving Sarnoff upon the death of her sister, Hattie Ganz.

Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel upon the death of her father, David H. Moskowitz.

Do You Seek Peace of Mind?

"May you live until one hundred and twenty!" How often have we heard this wish, and how often have we been heartened by its sentiment! Yet even our forefathers, unschooled psychologists that they were, knew that the possession of a family plot purchased far in advance of necessity, gave one a sense of security and peace of mind. It is interesting to know that the first property of which there is a Biblical record is associated with the purchase of a family plot.

After months of careful study, the Cemetery Committee headed by Mr. Saul Godwin and Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum recommended to the Trustees of Park Avenue Synagogue the purchase of the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery, Westchester County. This area was approved and purchased because of its beauty, its excellent maintenance of grounds and its easy accessibility from Manhattan. Our synagogue now owns *three acres* with plots ranging in size from 4 to 12 to answer the needs of every family.

May you live to one hundred and twenty! However, after that charmed age, you will have need of a family plot. May we suggest that you decide now on Sharon Gardens for your own peace of mind.

A phone call to Mr. Martin Leichtling, executive secretary (EN 9-2600) will give you complete details.

— RMR

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
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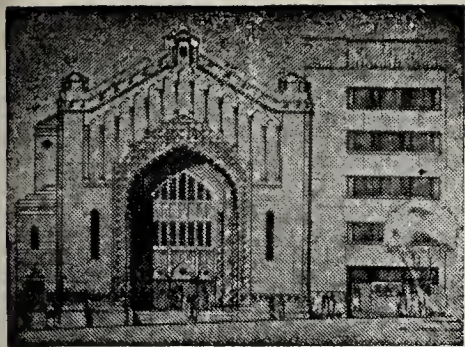
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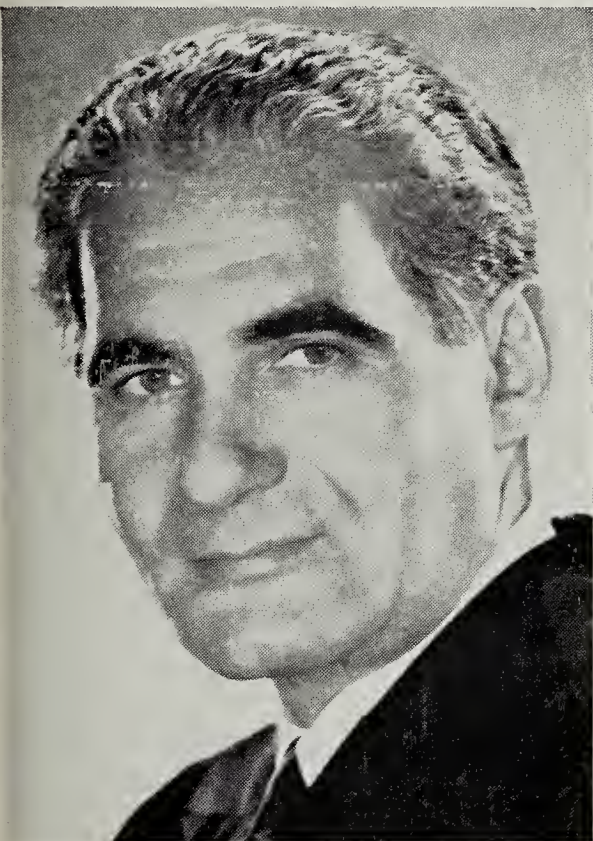
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80th Anniversary Celebration of Park Avenue Synagogue, Sunday, April 1 Program to Include Addresses by Judge Bernard Botein and Mr. Milton Weill



HON. BERNARD BOTEIN

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Milton Helpern, extensive plans are underway for the 80th Anniversary Celebration of Park Avenue Synagogue on Sunday afternoon, April 1, 1962. The program will include addresses by a number of distinguished leaders of the religious and political world.

Hon. Bernard Botein, a member of the synagogue of long standing, a former chairman of the Board of Trustees, and, at present, an honorary trustee, will be one of the speakers. Judge Botein has had a distinguished career in the practice of law. In 1941, he was appointed Justice of the Supreme Court by Governor Lehman, and a year later he was elected Justice of the Supreme Court, First Judicial Department. Governor Thomas E. Dewey later appointed him an Associate of the Appellate Division, and a few years later Governor Averill Harriman named him Justice of

the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department.

The author of several books based on "behind-the-bench treasury of life pictures" as well as material drawn from his personal experiences, Judge Botein is also the author of numerous articles in law reviews and insurance periodicals. Chairman of many committees of the Association of the Bar, he was a Cardozo lecturer for 1960.

MR. MILTON WEILL



Mr. Milton Weill, who has been actively identified with Park Avenue Synagogue as a trustee, a former vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, and at the present time an honorary trustee, will be one of the speakers on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary Celebration. Mr. Weill, who was chairman of the Milton Steinberg Fund and of the 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the synagogue, has a long and brilliant record of civic and philanthropic activities. Long a leader in the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, Mr.

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, March 2 8:30 p.m.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on

"THE STRANGE WORLD OF ISAAC BASHEVIS SINGER"

Oneg Shabbat with Mr. Singer as Special Guest

Saturday morning, March 3 9:30 a.m.

Friday evening, March 9 8:30 p.m.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on

"THE RELEVANCE OF THE PROPHETS" III — JEREMIAH

Saturday morning, March 10 9:30 a.m.

Friday evening, March 16 8:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Club Sabbath

Hon. Stanley M. Isaacs

will speak on

"FACING DISCRIMINATION IN OUR OWN CITY"

Saturday morning, March 17 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Gregory E. Diamant

son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Diamant

Monday evening, March 19 7:45 p.m.

The PURIM Service and the READING OF THE MEGILLAH

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Saturday morning

and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman

assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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Stanley Isaacs to Speak At Service on March 16

The annual service sponsored by the Mr. and Mrs. Club will take place on Friday evening, March 16, and the guest speaker will be the Honorable Stanley M. Isaacs. He will speak on "Facing Discrimination in Our Own City."

Mr. Isaacs is Minority Leader of the City Council of New York and was formerly President of the Borough of Manhattan. He was elected to the City Council in 1941 and has been reelected ever since. He is an officer or a trustee of many communal and civic organizations among which are the United Neighborhood Houses, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, the Educational Alliance, the American Jewish Committee, UJA, and a host of others. Hardly a year has gone by since 1938 that he has not received an award for distinguished service from one organization or another.

The main interest of Mr. Isaacs has been in the field of city planning, stressing the effort to improve housing conditions and to develop city services in the areas of recreation, health and education. His faith in democracy has been evidenced by his continuous efforts to preserve civil rights, to promote better race relations and to improve living conditions in New York City.

Mr. Andrew L. Fier is the president of the Mr. and Mrs. Club. Several members of the club will participate in the Friday evening service on March 16, together with Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman. An *Oneg Shabbat* in the Lemberg Auditorium will follow the services.



CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, March 2.....5:27 p.m.
Friday, March 9.....5:36 p.m.
Friday, March 16.....5:43 p.m.

I. Bashevis Singer Guest At Friday Service, Mar. 2

On Friday evening, March 2, Isaac Bashevis Singer will be the guest of Park Avenue Synagogue. At the service that evening, commencing at 8:30, Rabbi Nadich will speak on "The Strange World of Isaac Bashevis Singer", and will comment on the imaginative world created by Mr. Singer in his fiction.

This lecture and evening were postponed from the original date of January 12 because of the death that week of the sister of Rabbi Nadich.

Mr. Singer has been one of the most acclaimed of Jewish writers in America in recent years. His latest book, "The Spinoza of Market Street", has received excellent reviews in *The New York Times*, *The New York Herald Tribune*, *The Saturday Review* and other leading literary journals. At the *Oneg Shabbat* following the service, Mr. Singer will answer questions about his writing.

Rabbi to Give Sermon On Prophet Jeremiah

Friday evening, March 9, Rabbi Nadich will give a teaching sermon entitled "The Relevance of the Prophets" with particular reference to the prophet Jeremiah.

This is the third, and last, lecture in this year's series of teaching sermons under this general heading. In January Amos was discussed, and in February Isaiah. Each lecture, however, is a unit by itself. Those who have not attended the previous two lectures in the series may profitably attend this lecture on Jeremiah. It would be well if they were to read some of the chapters in the Book of Jeremiah before coming to the service on the evening of March 9.

Articles on "Tax Laws Favor Gifts to Synagogue" Receive Acclaim Throughout Country

It is gratifying to note that the articles on "Tax Laws Favor Gifts to Your Place of Worship", printed in the last two issues of the Bulletin, have received favorable comment, not only from our congregants, but from several synagogues in this area. The United Synagogue of America has asked to reprint both articles and plans to send copies through-

Twelfth Yahrzeit of Rabbi Steinberg, Mar. 23

The annual Friday evening service in observance of the *yahrzeit* of the late beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg will take place this year on March 23 when the service will mark the twelfth anniversary of his passing. His teacher and friend, Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan, noted American Jewish philosopher, will be the guest speaker.

This advance announcement is made so that the members of the congregation can note the date in their calendars.

80th Anniversary

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Weill served as its president for many years.

A past president of the 92nd Street YM and YWHA, and now an honorary vice president, Mr. Weill was recently honored by having one of the new Y buildings on Manhattan's east side named for him. His philanthropic activities have also included service with the United Jewish Appeal and the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The committee in formation which will assist the chairman, Dr. Milton Helpern, includes the following members: George Armour, Isidore M. Cohen, Hon. Abraham N. Geller, Saul Godwin, Solomon E. Green, Harry Halbren, Milton Heller, Hon. Herman Hoffman, Jacob Klein, Gen. Melvin L. Krulewitch, Joseph I. Lubin, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, David Mendelsohn, Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel, Milton M. Sivek, Milton Weill, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, and Mrs. Max Zahler.

Sunday, April 1, is a date to mark in your calendar. We know that our congregants and their families and friends will want to be present on that afternoon to join in the celebration of this momentous event in the history of our synagogue—its 80th anniversary.

out the country. Many synagogues have requested that additional copies be sent to them.

The information on this subject was taken from an article prepared by our treasurer, Mr. Milton M. Sivek, for the Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests of which Hon. Maxwell Shapiro is chairman.

Purim Begins with Reading of The Megillah In Main Synagogue on Monday, March 19 at 7:45 P. M. Annual Purim Party to Follow



Participants in the Purim play to be performed at the annual Purim Party on Monday evening, March 19, in the Lemberg Auditorium:

Seated, from left to right: Mrs. Mack H. Fieber, Mrs. Arthur H. Bienenstock, Mrs. Jacob L. Oberman, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan and Mrs. Albert Siegel, chairman of Hospitality.

Standing, from left to right: Mr. L. Chester Glaser, Mr. Andrew Fier, Mrs. Adolf Stangel, chairman of the Purim Party, Mr. Asa D. Sokolow, Mr. Irving Goodstein, Hazzan David J. Putterman, advisory director. Not shown in the photo: Mr. A. Stanley Robinson.

The gay festival of Purim—celebrating the downfall of wicked Haman, prime minister of ancient Persia, who plotted the destruction of the Jews of that empire—will be ushered in on Monday evening, March 19, with the Purim service in the synagogue beginning at 7:45 p.m. This service, of course, features the reading of the *Megillah*, the Book of Esther.

The honor of reading portions of the Book of Esther will be bestowed upon members of the congregation who have joined Park Avenue Synagogue during this past year. Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman will officiate at the service, and Hazzan Friedman will chant the Hebrew portions of the *Megillah*. Noisemakers will be distributed, and the usual gladsome atmosphere will prevail.

At the conclusion of the service, the party will take place in the gaily decorated Lemberg Auditorium. Mrs. Adolf Stangel, chairman of the party, has many original motifs which she will use

to create the spirit of this festival of rejoicing. Regina, as our congregants lovingly call her, has worked out every detail from arranging for a playlet to be performed by several mothers and fathers among our congregants to arranging for a dance to follow.

After a word of greeting from Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, a play based on three different versions of the significance of Purim will be enacted by the following members of our congregation: Esthers of today will be played by Mrs. Arthur H. Bienenstock, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan and Mrs. Jacob L. Oberman; the jester by Mr. L. Chester Glaser; the wise man by Mr. Irving Goodstein. Participants in "A toast to Purim" will be: Mr. Andrew Fier, Mr. A. Stanley Robinson and Mr. Asa D. Sokolow. Mrs. Mack H. Fieber will introduce the participants. Hazzan David J. Putterman has graciously offered his services as advisory director.

Happy Birthday President Jacob Klein!

Our Bulletin has the tradition of congratulating the president of Park Avenue Synagogue, Mr. Jacob Klein, upon his birthday each year. It is our happy privilege to do so again, as we pray for his continued health and happiness. We are certain that we speak for all the members of the congregation, who hold him in such high esteem and great affection, in wishing him many happy returns of his birthday. He is to be eighty-four on March 12 — "until a hundred and twenty!"

May he and his beloved Gertrude enjoy many more years of health, strength and joy together with the members of their family!

Congregational Seder Thursday, April 19

The Congregational Seder sponsored by the synagogue on the second night of Passover will take place on Thursday evening, April 19, in the Lemberg Auditorium. Although the invitations will soon be in the mail, we know that our congregants will be happy to hear that the Seder, to which so many of our congregants and their families look forward, is once again a reality. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct the Order of the Service and will be assisted by the synagogue choir with George Crook at the piano.

Those who have previously attended know how impressive the Seder conducted at Park Avenue Synagogue always is—a memorable family evening of good fellowship, rich in tradition and ceremony. As usual, the dinner will be served by a leading caterer.

Very soon every congregant will receive a card to be filled out and returned to the synagogue office. Reservations must of necessity be limited. We, therefore, suggest that you make your reservation as soon as you receive your card.

—RMR

Assisting the chairman, Mrs. Adolf Stangel, and Mrs. Albert Siegel, chairman of hospitality, are the following members of the committee: Mrs. Jacques Bienenfeld, Mrs. Alex Danenberg, Mrs. Mattis Fern, Mrs. Emil Forster, Mrs. Leon Klein, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Mrs. Paul Miller, Mrs. A. Stanley Robinson, Mrs. Bernard Robbins and Mrs. Nathaniel Shafer.

Future Activities of The Mr. and Mrs. Club

Concert to Highlight The March 12 Meeting of Club

On Monday, March 12, a concert will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. for the members of the Mr. and Mrs. Club. Featured on the program will be two soloists, Barbara Meister and Gloria Shafer, both of whom have had brilliant musical careers. Mrs. Shafer and her husband, Dr. Nathaniel Shafer, are members of Park Avenue Synagogue.



GLORIA SHAFER

Mrs. Shafer, who has a B.A. in music and a master's degree from Columbia University, has been a guest soloist at Town Hall and has performed with the American Symphony Orchestra. She played the part of Gretel in "Hansel and Gretel", presented by the Community Opera, Inc. under the auspices of the New York Historical Society. Recently Mrs. Shafer delighted her audience when she sang several selections at a Sisterhood meeting.

Miss Meister, who has studied at the Eastman School of Music, is a graduate of Barnard College. She, too, has appeared at Town Hall, performed on

radio and has given concerts throughout Westchester County. She is presently appearing as guest soloist with the Orchestral Society of Westchester.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club is looking forward to hearing these two fine performers and enjoying the social hour following the concert during which refreshments will be served.

Hon. Stanley M. Isaacs to Speak

The annual Mr. and Mrs. Club Sabbath Service will take place on Friday, March 16, at 8:30 p.m. The speaker will be the Hon. Stanley M. Isaacs, Manhattan Assemblyman, and distinguished member of the Executive Board of the American Jewish Committee, Institute of Human Relations. Mr. Isaacs will discuss the problem of discrimination in the City of New York. Another column of this Bulletin carries complete details about the service which everyone is invited to attend.

Gala Dance on March 31

The club wishes to invite the entire congregation to its annual dance on Saturday evening, March 31st. A well known band has been engaged, cocktails will be served, and many gifts will be given. We hope you will reserve the date now—March 31, and plan to be with us on that evening.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club was privileged to have heard Rabbi Judah Nadich speak at its February 19th meeting on a topic of utmost interest and importance. His address on "What Kind of Synagogue Are We?" shed light on the true nature of our synagogue, and clarified the distinction between Conservatism and Reconstructionism. It was a most informative and enjoyable evening, and the Mr. and Mrs. Club would like to take this opportunity to thank Rabbi Nadich for being with them.

— Mattis Fern

Sisterhood News

Open Meeting to Feature Purim Party

On Tuesday, March 13, Sisterhood will hold an Open Meeting which will feature a Purim Party. Luncheon will be served at noon before the meeting, and there will be surprises and gifts for all. As an added attraction, Chaim Freed, a guitarist, will entertain.

Be sure to attend Sisterhood's Purim Party on Tuesday, March 13.

Bazaar, May 1 and 2

On May 1 and 2, the Lemberg Auditorium will assume the colorful aspects of a department store with booths and tables displaying attractive and varied merchandise. The occasion is the Bazaar for the benefit of UJA, opening on Tuesday, May 1, with a cocktail party and dinner, under the capable supervision of Mrs. Harold Osserman, and continuing that evening with games, an auction, and the sale of merchandise. In addition, lunch will be served on Wednesday, May 2, on which day the sale of merchandise will continue until five o'clock.

Chairman of the Bazaar Committee is Mrs. Joel Levitt and co-chairmen, Mrs. Mack H. Fieber and Mrs. Aaron Schoenbaum.

Please send your packages of merchandise (new goods only, please) to the Sisterhood Bazaar Committee, Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87 Street. For further information, please contact Mrs. Mack H. Fieber, SA 2-1834.

A Watch Anyone?

Sisterhood's "watch project" has met with considerable success. The attractive bracelet watches, in assorted colors, feature a Swiss movement and gold trim with a petit point rose decoration. The watches sell for the nominal sum of \$20 each, and the proceeds go to the Offering Fund, Sisterhood's project to aid the blind. For further information, please contact Mrs. Herman Bronstein, chairman, at BU 8-0127.

Ceremonial Gift Shop

Mrs. Milton Heller wants to remind you that the Ceremonial Gift Shop will soon be brimming with wonderful gifts for Passover—beautiful *Kiddush* cups, *Haggadahs*, Passover trays, *Seder* plates—to mention only a few. Irma is always eager to serve you. Just phone her AT 9-5500, and she will arrange to show you her treasures.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Hebrew Speaking Circle

The next meeting of the Hebrew Speaking Circle will be held on Monday, March 19, at 9:00 p.m. in Room 300 of the Milton Steinberg House. The subject for discussion will be the poems of Bialik which the group continues to find interesting and enjoyable.

All who are qualified to carry on a discussion in Hebrew are invited to attend.

— Alexander Richman

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Trustees to Visit Seminary on March 11

Members of our Board of Trustees and of the Advisory Council have been extended a special invitation to participate in an extraordinary visit to The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the mother institution of Conservative Judaism, on Sunday, March 11.

The tour will include a visit to the famed Rare Book Room of the Seminary's Library, which contains the greatest number of manuscripts, incunabula and other precious Jewish books found anywhere in the world. Miss Anna Kleban, in charge of this valuable collection, will point out a number of its highlights.

In addition, one of the eminent leaders of the Seminary will extend greetings to the group. A senior student of the Seminary will escort the party through the students' dormitory and point out other interesting features of the Seminary's buildings on Morning-side Heights. A brunch will be served.

Mr. Isidore M. Cohen and Mr. Reuben Kaufman are chairmen of the Park Avenue Synagogue's committee on the Seminary which has planned for this fascinating visit.

Dr. Milton Levine To Give Talks On Sex

The School Board has invited Dr. Milton Levine, assistant professor of pediatrics at Cornell University and eminent author and lecturer in sex education, to give a series of talks to our boys and girls in the Religious School in the age group between twelve and fourteen.

The School Board, recognizing the need for the education of the pre-adolescent in the knowledge and understanding of the wholesome relationship between men and women, inaugurated the course for our youngsters. The many enthusiastic comments by parents and students have convinced us that the Religious School can play a significant role in the family-life education of our children and help them to meet the physical and emotional changes of adolescence more readily.

The lectures will be held in Room 502 in the Milton Steinberg House from 5:10 to 6:00 p.m. in accordance with the following schedule: Wednesday, March 7, Wednesday, March 14, Wednesday, March 21, Wednesday, March 28.

Parents of the youngsters may attend the first three sessions of the course.

— Martin Leichtling

Religious School News

Purim Carnival

The Lemberg Auditorium will be transformed into a carnival area on Sunday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. when the students of the Religious School, dressed in holiday costumes, will hold their annual Purim Carnival. They will have an opportunity to spend their "carnival" money at gaily decorated booths, featuring games of chance and skill. Parents, too, can join in the fun and by spending their money freely will help to strengthen our *Keren Ami* fund.

A feature attraction of the morning will be a costume parade. Students assisted by their parents and grand-parents have been busy preparing colorful and attractive costumes. All students, who come to the carnival dressed in Shushan costumes, will be eligible for door prizes to be distributed to the holders of lucky numbers.

Megillah Reading

The reading of the *Megillah* for students of the Religious School will be held on Monday, March 19, at 4:30 p.m. in the main synagogue. Groggers will be distributed to the students and the traditional *hamentashen* will be served at the conclusion of the service.

Parents of the children both in the Primary Department and in the Hebrew Department are invited to attend the service with their children.

— Martin Leichtling

Children from Churches Visit Synagogue

A group of children accompanied by their teachers recently came from the new day school of the Church of Heavenly Rest and from released-time classes of the Holy Trinity Church to see a Jewish house of worship. Rabbi Nadich spent an hour with them in the synagogue and the Appleman Chapel, explaining the architecture and sacred objects of the synagogue and the manner of Jewish worship.

This is the second consecutive year that children have come from Holy Trinity Church for this purpose.

Ceremonial and Gift Shop

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Jewish Theological Seminary

World Council of Synagogues To Convene in Jerusalem

The Bulletin is happy to add this feature which will bring to our readers information of interest about the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The first international conclave of synagogue representatives ever to convene in Israel will be held when the World Council of Synagogues meets in Jerusalem for a three-day convention on May 29-31, 1962.

Park Avenue Synagogue has been advised by the United Synagogue of America that it is entitled to send ten delegates to the forthcoming convention. Delegates and members of their immediate families will be eligible to travel to Israel on special El Al jet airliners which the United Synagogue has chartered for this purpose. Delegates may sign up for trips of two to four weeks at the rate of \$485.00 per person, round trip. Arrangements can also be made for special rates to include hotels, meals and sightseeing.

Charles Rosengarten of Waterbury, Conn., president of the World Council, has announced that hundreds of American and Canadian delegates from the United Synagogue have already registered for the trip. Many of them attended the recent convention of the United Synagogue, which is an affiliate of the World Council. The United Synagogue Convention recessed instead of adjourning and voted to re-convene for a final session on the last day of the Jerusalem conclave.

The World Council of Synagogues now has affiliates or associates in twenty six countries, including Israel. Contingents are expected from Europe and India as well as from North, Central and South America.

The Convention program will include addresses by President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and a reception given to the delegates by the Mayor of Jerusalem, Mordecai Ish-Shalom. A major event will be the formal dedication of the *pnimiah*, the American Student Center sponsored by the Conservative Movement.

Members of Park Avenue Synagogue interested in being designated as delegates to the Jerusalem convention are asked to contact Mr. Martin Leichtling, executive secretary of the synagogue, immediately.

Book of Job Discussed On March 21 and April 4

All Are Welcome

Members of the congregation and friends are cordially invited to attend two sessions during which the Book of Job will be discussed, on Wednesday evenings, March 21 and April 4. The discussion leader is Dr. Max Rothschild, noted Bible teacher and a member of the staff of the United Synagogue of America.

The discussions will take place at the synagogue at 8:30 p.m. Those coming to these two evenings are asked to bring their own Bibles in English.

Men's Club News

The Men's Club is very happy to announce that the guest speaker for the meeting on Tuesday evening, March 27, will be Rabbi Edward Klein of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue. He will discuss the Chagall stained glass windows and will illustrate his speech with colored slides. Rabbi Klein will explain the meaning of the Biblical references, the symbolism and the artistic value of these famous windows.

After the address, refreshments will be served, and a social hour will take place in the Sisterhood Lounge.

Since this is a meeting of special interest to men and women, ladies are invited to attend. The date—Tuesday evening, March 27 at 8:30 p.m.

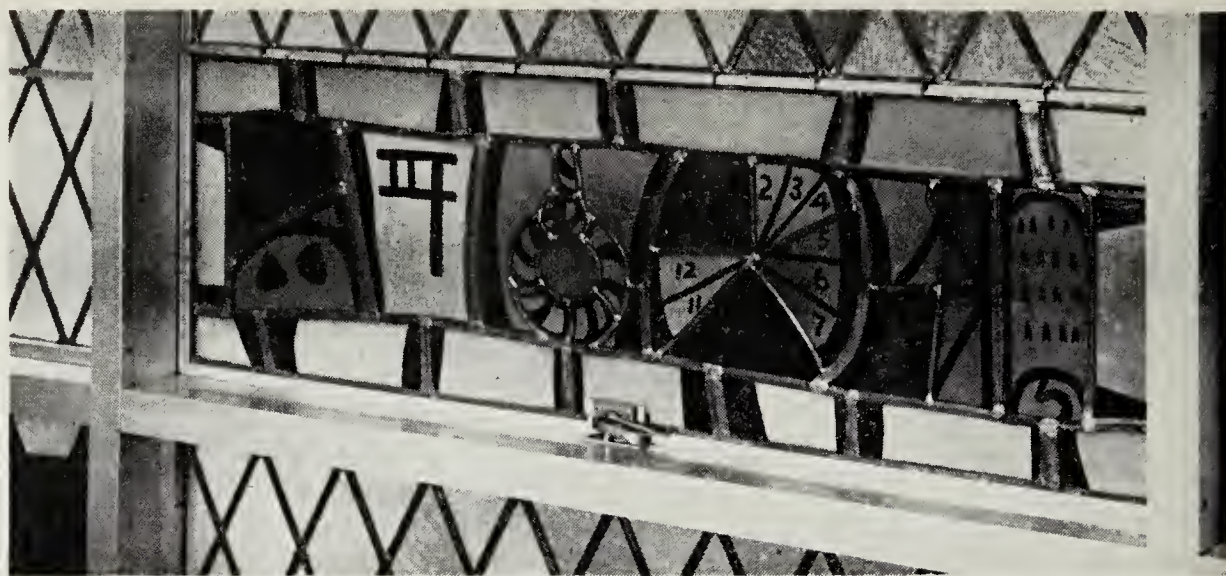
Panel Discussion at Riverside Church

In February, a delegation of several members of the Men's Club were privileged to participate in "Interfaith Night", sponsored by the Men's Class of Riverside Church. The program included a dinner meeting which was followed by a panel discussion of the subject: "Africa—What Next?"

The topic was ably discussed by Dr. James H. Robinson, director of Operation Crossroads: Africa; Dr. Hugh Smythe, professor of sociology and anthropology at Brooklyn College, and Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz of the Hill Crest Jewish Center of Queens.

The members of Park Avenue Synagogue Men's Club who attended were: Monroe H. Firestone, L. Chester Glaser, Harvey Glasser, Irving Goodstein, Irwin B. Robins and James B. Starkman.

— Jacob W. Boorstein



Stained Glass Purim Window of Milton Steinberg House

Since we are to celebrate the Festival of Purim soon, we thought that our congregants would be interested in the interpretation of the holiday as pictured on the unique stained glass Purim window of the Milton Steinberg House.

Designed by Adolph Gottlieb, well known painter, "the stained glass facade," says Stuart Preston, art editor of the *New York Times*, "is said to be the largest such concentrated area in the world." Made of colored glass panels in brilliant purple, blue, gold and scarlet, the design depicts the ancient symbols of Jewish thought and ritual.

The panel of the Purim window is a partially unrolled scroll which suggests the story of its origin. On the scroll are pictured the *Megillah*, the drum of the lots, noting 14, the 14th day of Adar chosen for the extermination of the Jews, the noose which ended Haman's wicked plot, and even the noise maker with which the Jews celebrated Haman's death. Finally there is an array of *hamantashen*, the traditional cake served on Purim.

— RMR

Manhattan Torah Fund Conference at PAS

On Thursday, March 22, Park Avenue Synagogue will be the scene of the annual Torah Fund Conference, including workshops, seminars and a luncheon for the Sisterhoods of Conservative congregations in all of Manhattan and the Bronx.

The Torah Fund is a project of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, and its proceeds are used for the education of students for the rabbinate and of young men and women for the Jewish teaching profession at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. On a national scale, this Fund raises hundreds of thousands of dollars annually and is a significant item in the national program of the Conservative movement.

Rabbi Nadich will be the guest speaker at the luncheon. This will be the first time the Conference is held at Park Avenue Synagogue.

Women of our congregation are particularly urged to attend in order to extend a welcome to the many other women from the synagogues of the two boroughs. Reservations may be made by telephoning the president of our Sisterhood, Mrs. Max Zahler. Members of Sisterhood will act as hostesses.

UJA Reunion with Life

The new migration, which is greater than any that Israel has experienced in many years, intensifies the need for an extensive mental health program. Yet Israel's mentally ill cannot be helped at the expense of the thousands in Israel and throughout the world who depend on UJA for the basic necessities of life—for food, clothing, medical care, and vocational training. In the world today, where new disasters are happening daily, UJA's life saving programs become increasingly vital for Jews in danger areas.

The needs presented by the vast immigration, and the mental health situation in Israel cannot be met by taking funds from UJA's General Campaign. To meet these needs adequately, each contributor is urged to give more than in the past to UJA's campaign, and in addition to make a further contribution to the Opportunity Fund for Mental Health. Now, more than ever before, UJA is the No. 1 cause in which the women of Greater New York should play a decisive part.

The next luncheon for Manhattan workers, which will be held on March 22 at the Four Seasons Restaurant, promises to be an interesting and exciting affair. Your attendance will play a major role in this campaign.

— Freda Sack

Parents Association

Present Eternal Light Script

On Wednesday evening, February 28, the Parents Association will present an Eternal Light script, entitled "The Genie in The Lamp" by Irwin Gonshak and featuring parents of the Religious School, who will enact the play. The program will be highlighted by the comments of Mr. Samuel Dinsky, the consultant to the Jewish Education Committee of the United Synagogue Schools of New York City.

Program chairman, Mrs. James A. Sasmor, wishes to thank the Jewish Theological Seminary for making this program possible. Our thanks, also, to Mr. George Crook, our synagogue organist, who will render several musical selections between the acts and during the play.

If you want to see and hear a radio show come alive, we suggest that you and your friends attend "The Genie in The Lamp" presented in the Lemberg Auditorium on Wednesday evening, February 28, at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all are cordially invited to attend.

Purim Workshop — March 7

The Purim Workshop sponsored annually by the Parents Association will take place on Wednesday afternoon, March 7, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Sisterhood Lounge of the Milton Steinberg House.

Mrs. Robert Altman, who is in charge of the workshop, has arranged to have an exhibition of various ceremonial objects which pertain to Purim, pamphlets with instructions on home observance, recipes for food, suitable decorations, and suggestions about special games to be played on Purim.

For mothers and grandmothers who have the problem of creating a costume guaranteed to transform their eager youngster into an authentic Queen Esther, Haman, Mordecai or any other Biblical hero or villain, the Parents Association has the solution. At the Purim Workshop, they will be able to purchase costumes at a nominal price and thus make it possible for their youngsters to march proudly in the Purim Parade.

To help make the gay festival of Purim more meaningful in your home, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, president of the Parents Association, and the members of the Executive Board cordially invite you to attend the workshop, and, over a cup of coffee, to hear Mrs. Altman explain the traditions particularly applicable to Purim.

We Take Pride In Our Members ...

Mr. Milton S. Heller of 1010 Fifth Avenue, who was elected president of the Jewish Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Samuel Lemberg, who has been named a general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. Mr. Lemberg, who has long been active in civic and humanitarian work, is vice-president and trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, a trustee of Brandeis University, and a New York City leader of the Israel Bonds Campaign.

Mr. Irving A. Manacher, who was lauded in a "profile" article in *The New York Times* recently. Despite the handicap of blindness, he heads coal and fuel-oil distributing companies that exceeded \$35,000,000 in sales last year. A deeply religious man, he is active as a member of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Institute for Religion, in the American Red Cross, the Fight for Sight, the American Cancer Society and many more philanthropic organizations.

Mr. O. Roy Chalk, who has pledged a \$25,000 scholarship endowment to the Jewish Theological Seminary to make it possible for some worthy rabbinical student to receive his training at the Seminary. Mr. Chalk's gift establishes in perpetuity a scholarship in his name, so that every year, for all time, a student will be able to study at the Seminary.

Mrs. Sally Victor, well known hat designer, who was written up in the February 17th issue of the *Saturday Evening Post* as the "millionaires' milliner", who predicts what the chic customer will wear.

Cocktail Party Highly Successful

Even though the Cocktail Party held on February 4 is a past event, we still hear words of praise about this gay party which was unusually well attended.

In reply to several who asked the name of the young man who supplied the background music during the cocktail hour, we are pleased to give credit to Ronnie Swift, a member of the Youth Group of our synagogue.

— RMR

Original Psalms Written by Student

Because we think that the two psalms printed below have special merit, the Bulletin is pleased to include them in its columns. They were written by a former student of our Religious School who prefers to remain anonymous.

Have pity, O Lord, upon this aged
servant,
Grant me thy soothing grace.
I fear thou hast forsaken me,
For my eyes see not beyond the shadows,
And nought but echoes reach my ears.
Have mercy, O God:
Return the sound to my voice
And the strength to my limbs.
I, thy people Israel, have been blind to
thy ways
And deaf to thy commandments.
Help me to rise out of the dust of my
sins,
And breathe again the air of righteousness.
Then shall I be a messenger of the Lord,
And thy word shall triumph o'er the
earth.
Have pity then, O Lord, upon this aged
servant.
Grant me thy soothing grace.

O Lord, where is thy presence not manifest?
What silent shadow is ever forsaken?
Thy wonders shine forth o'er the earth,
And thy glory radiateth from the heaven
above.
Thy mark is in the eyes of the mother
and upon the newborn child;
Triumphant soundeth his first cry,
Mighty as the horns of Joshua.
For it is the voice of the Lord that call-
eth from that tiny breast
And all men shall heed.
Behold the distant hills bow low before
thee,
The waves stretch forth upon the sands
in adoration,
The trees raise their branches in prayer,
The winds sing thy praise.
Yea, the world is a temple to thy great-
ness,
And my heart thy sacred shrine.

— JMH

Change of Address

Members of the congregation are requested to notify the office promptly (telephone EN 9-2600) when a change of address has been made or is being contemplated.

Congratulations

If a congregant has celebrated a milestone birthday or anniversary and would like the occasion recorded in the Bulletin, please notify the editor (EN 9-2600). The policy of the Bulletin is to record only milestone events, after the event has taken place. We shall also be happy to be informed of engagements and marriages of our members or of their children.

Dr. and Mrs. Isaac B. Brodsky upon their 30th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor J. Cohen upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Helen Crystal upon the marriage of her son, Roger Lilienfeld, to Roslynn Slodkowitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Dubin upon their new granddaughter, Elizabeth.

Mrs. Mattis Fern upon her 20th birthday.

Mr. Samuel Lemberg upon his 65th birthday.

Mr. Adolf Levy upon his 72nd birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph I. Lubin upon the birth of a grandson.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold L. Margulies upon their 20th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice H. Peltz upon the marriage of their daughter, Gladys, to Bernard Jaffe, Jr.

Dr. and Mrs. Hector Ritey upon their 20th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Robins upon their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schweitzer Jr. upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Solomon upon the engagement of her daughter, Lynda Buchman, to Arthur Levine.

Mr. Max Strauss upon his eightieth birthday.

Mr. Martin J. Weber upon his fifty-fifth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Weill upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

We Are Glad You Asked

It is sometimes difficult to set qualms at ease if people are unwilling to ask questions. Occasionally, however, a congregant does ask a question, and only then do we learn what has deterred him from arranging for burial rights in our Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery.

Recently a congregant inquired of Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee, whether or not Park Avenue Synagogue would object to the interment of ashes in the Park Avenue Synagogue grounds.

This afforded the chairman an opportunity to explain that in the months that the Board of Trustees was negotiating for burial rights which were subsequently acquired at Sharon Gardens, the Cemetery Committee and the Ritual Committee met jointly for the purpose of resolving this and other ritual questions in advance.

The chairman explained that Park Avenue Synagogue has no ritual objection to burying the remains of a cremation in its cemetery grounds, provided, of course, that there is only one such burial in each grave.

Mr. Godwin and his co-chairman, Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum, as well as the other members of the Cemetery Committee will be glad to answer any questions that exist in the minds of our congregants which may affect their decision with regard to obtaining burial rights at Sharon Gardens, Kensico Cemetery.

A letter or a phone call to the executive secretary, Mr. Martin Leichtling, is all that is required. In turn, the Cemetery Committee will gladly furnish whatever information is required.

Condolences

Mr. Edward L. Buxbaum upon the death of his sister, Mrs. Esther Greenberg; and upon the death of his brother, Charles.

Mrs. Leonard E. Field upon the death of her husband.

Mrs. Hector Ritey upon the death of her sister, Lillian Grodnick.

Dr. and Mrs. Erich Siegel upon the death of their son-in-law, Ernest L. Sacks.

Mrs. Nathan Wager upon the death of her husband.

An Unusual Suggestion For The Celebration Of Bar/Bat Mitzvahs

An unusual *Bar Mitzvah* announcement has attracted the attention of many. Together with the invitation to the *Bar Mitzvah*, there was a card enclosed which carried the following request:

"We of the family have been truly blessed by health and good fortune. Now as we look forward with joyful anticipation to celebrating our son's *Bar Mitzvah*, we would like to share our *simha* with others. We have, therefore, established a Student's Loan Fund in our son's name. (Here follows the name of an educational institution to help worthy students who are struggling for an education). To friends who may feel inclined to send our son a personal gift, may we suggest that it would make him and us very happy if they were to send a contribution to (the name of the institution indicated)."

To the Jewish boy who has "everything" what could be more meaningful than to know that his *Bar Mitzvah* was the signal for the performance of a *mitzvah* in which his friends participated, and that for many years to come the fruits of his *Bar Mitzvah* will endure.

This suggestion, of course, applies to the celebration of *Bat Mitzvahs* as well as to *Bar Mitzvahs*.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
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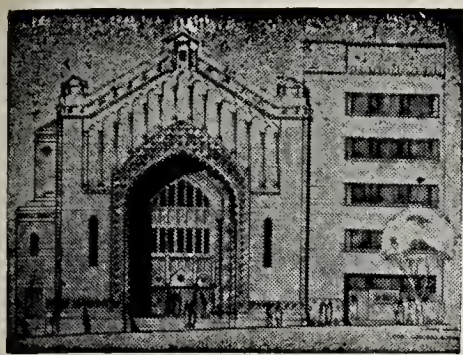
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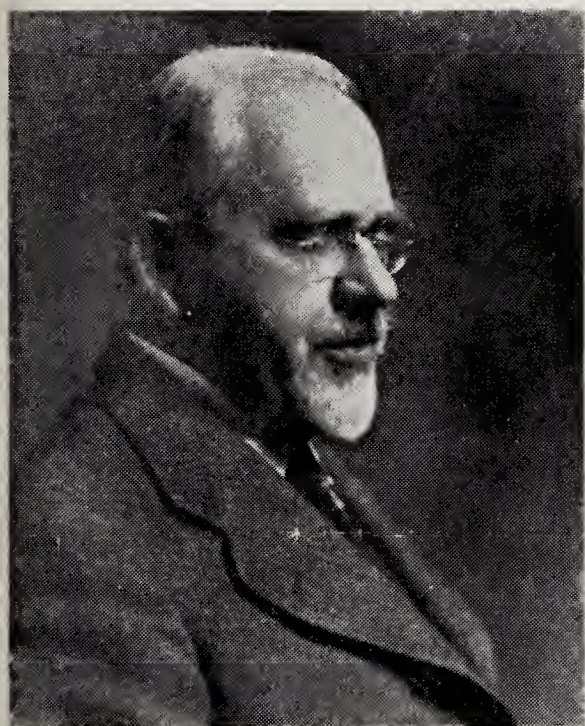
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Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan Speaker at 12th Yahrzeit Of Rabbi Steinberg March 23

The annual service commemorating the death of the late, beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg will be held Friday evening, March 23, 1962, with Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan as guest speaker. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will officiate, together with the synagogue choir and Mr. George Crook at the organ. For the musical selections to be sung on this occasion, Hazzan Putterman has chosen those which were favorites of Rabbi Steinberg.

DR. MORDECAI M. KAPLAN



Philosopher, Teacher, Author

Rabbi Steinberg died on March 20, 1950, the Hebrew date of his *yahrzeit* being the second day of Nisan. He served Park Avenue Synagogue with great distinction and devotion from 1933 to 1950, and was one of the best known and best loved rabbis on the American scene. Dr. Kaplan was for him both teacher and source of inspiration, having taught him at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America and standing in close relationship to him as mentor and adviser from the day of Rabbi Steinberg's ordination to the very end.

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80 Years Park Avenue Synagogue - Retrospect and Prospect To Be Discussed at Friday Evening Service, March 30 By Hon. Abraham Geller, Saul Godwin and Joseph Howard Katz

JOSEPH HOWARD KATZ



Chairman, Board of Trustees

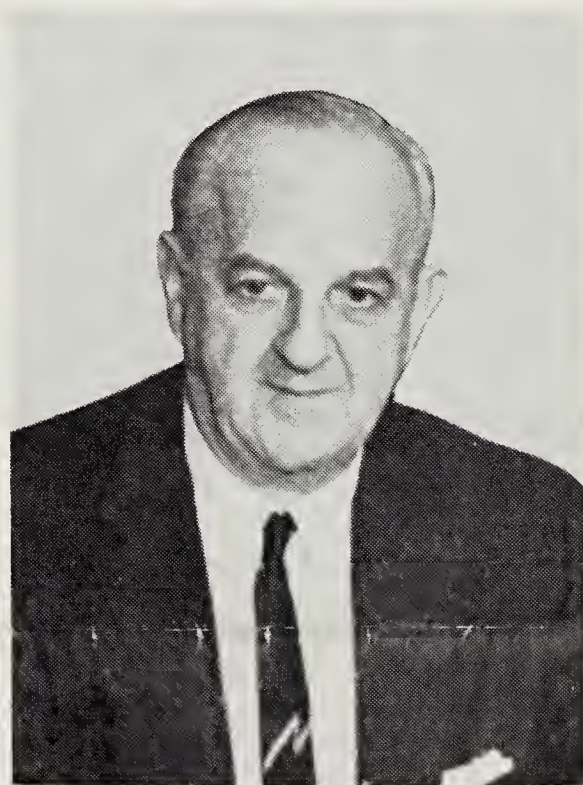
JUDGE ABRAHAM N. GELLER



Trustee

On Friday evening, March 30, the weekend marking the observance of the Eightieth Anniversary of Park Avenue Synagogue will begin with a panel discussion on the theme, "Eighty Years Park Avenue Synagogue — Retrospect and Prospect", in which three veteran leaders of the congregation will participate.

SAUL GODWIN



Vice-chairman, Board of Trustees

The discussants will be Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Saul Godwin, vice-chairman of the Board, and Judge Abraham N. Geller, a member of the Board for many years. The program will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium at an *Oneg Shabbat* tea following the regular Friday evening service in the synagogue beginning at 8:30 p.m. The participants in this discussion are all gentlemen who have been active in the leadership of our congregation for a quarter century or more.

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Synagogue Receives Message from Gov. Lehman

Governor Herbert H. Lehman has sent the following message of congratulations to Park Avenue Synagogue upon the occasion of its 80th Anniversary to be celebrated on Sunday afternoon, April 1.

"May I offer my heartiest congratulations to the Rabbinate, the

Trustees, the Congregation on the leadership and spiritual inspiration which the Park Avenue Synagogue has long given to the community, and to express the hope that it will serve Judaism for many years in the same degree as it has in the past."

Invitation from Chairman of Board of Trustees To Attend 80th Anniversary Celebration on April 1

Dear Congregant,

In behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to take this opportunity to extend to all our congregants, their families and friends, a cordial invitation to attend the celebration of the Eightieth Anniversary of Park Avenue Synagogue on Sunday afternoon, April 1, 1962, at three o'clock.

Dr. Milton Helpen, chairman of this historic event, and the members of his able committee are planning a jubilee celebration—a fitting tribute to Park Avenue Synagogue and to its glorious achievements for eighty years, to Judaism, and to the community.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner will extend greetings in behalf of the City of New York. There will be addresses by the Hon. Jacob K. Javits, senior Senator from New York; Hon. Bernard Botwin, a former chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. Milton Weill, a former vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees. Rabbi Judah Nadich will conduct the services with Hazzan David J. Putterman, who has arranged a special musical program in honor of this occasion. He will be accompanied by the choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

We know that you will be eager to attend this celebration service and, by your presence, to share the joy of the occasion with all of us.

With warmest regards to you and your family,

I am, as always,

Joseph Howard Katz
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, March 23 8:30 p.m.

Twelfth Yahrzeit service in memory of Rabbi Milton Steinberg

Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan will speak on

**"THE CONTRIBUTION OF RECONSTRUCTIONISM
TO WORLD JEWRY"**

Saturday morning, March 24 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Neil Dana Gluckin

son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gluckin

Friday evening, March 30 8:30 p.m.

Eightieth Anniversary Series

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, Mr. Saul Godwin

and the Hon. Abraham N. Geller will speak on

"80 YEARS PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE—Retrospect and Prospect"

Saturday morning, March 31 9:30 a.m.

*Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning
and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman
assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

Dr. Kaplan, Speaker At 12th Yahrzeit Of Rabbi Steinberg

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Dr. Kaplan is one of the great Jewish thinkers of modern times. He is the founder of Reconstructionism and has written many important volumes and great numbers of significant essays. In the current Jewish Book Annual, there appears an article by Rabbi Nadich entitled "The Writings of Mordecai M. Kaplan on the 80th Anniversary of his Birth." A mere listing of the writings by Dr. Kaplan would enumerate over 300 items. He is the founder and the Leader Emeritus of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, and for over half a century has been a distinguished member of the faculty of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America as Professor of Homiletics, Professor of *Midrash* and Professor of the Philosophies of Religion. For many years he also served as Dean of the Teachers Institute of the Seminary. He has had wide influence upon rabbis, educators and thinking laymen generally and has been one of the most significant factors in the shaping of Conservative Judaism in this country.

Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman will offer memorial prayers during the service, the congregation rising for the *Kaddish*.

Book Inscriptions

A number of Prayer Books are available for dedication. These books may be inscribed in honor of some happy event in your family, or in memory of a beloved departed relative or friend. A special book plate will appear on the inside of each book, giving the name of those in whose honor or memory the book is dedicated.

For further information, please phone Mr. Martin Leichtling, executive secretary of the synagogue (EN 9-2600).

80 Years Park Avenue Synagogue - Retrospect And Prospect To Be Discussed March 30

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Joseph Howard Katz

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has been a member of the Board since 1951, and before that time served as a member of the Advisory Council. A former president of the Men's Club, Mr. Katz has devoted his time, energy and brilliant leadership to the synagogue, and as chairman of the Board of Trustees for the last five years has done much to add to the glory of Park Avenue Synagogue. A lawyer of repute, he has served on many committees, among which are the Ritual, Law, Membership, Building and Dedication Committees. To all, he has brought a wealth of knowledge gained from years of experience in his profession and in synagogue activities. No task has been too great, no detail has been too small to warrant his attention. As long ago as 1954, Park Avenue Synagogue recognized his qualities of leadership and outstanding service by naming him *Hatan Torah*.

Saul Godwin

Mr. Saul Godwin, vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, is one of Park Avenue Synagogue's most active and devoted workers. There is practically no committee on which he has not served with distinction. He has been chairman of the School Board, of the Building Committee for the construction of the Milton Steinberg House, of the 15th Anniversary Celebration tendered to the late beloved Milton Steinberg and to Hazzan David J. Putterman; of the Adult Education Committee and of the subcommittee on Friday evening guest speakers. Currently, he is an active member of the Planning Committee. As chairman of the Cemetery Committee,

Mr. Godwin, who is a lawyer, brought his fine legal training into use when he carried through the responsibilities for negotiations with the Kensico Cemetery officials at the time of the purchase of burial rights in the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery. In 1950, Park Avenue Synagogue honored Mr. Godwin by naming him *Hatan Bereshit*.

Hon. Abraham N. Geller

Judge Abraham N. Geller, a member of the Board of Trustees of long standing, and a founder of the Men's Club, has given many years of service to Park Avenue Synagogue. As far back as 1944, he was honored by the synagogue by being named *Hatan Bereshit* (Bridegroom of the Beginning). Judge Geller is the Senior Judge of the Court of General Sessions where he serves with distinction. A leader in non-sectarian as well as Jewish life, he has been a vice-president of the United Jewish Appeal, a member of the Board of the Bronx YM-YWHA, and a member of the Board of the Family Institute.

Following their panel discussion, the members of the congregation present that evening will be given the opportunity to ask questions.

The first of these panel discussions took place last month when three young leaders of the congregation participated, the Messrs. George Shapiro, Sidney Silberman and Asa Sokolow. That evening provided much food for thought, and the forthcoming panel discussion should prove to be stimulating as well. Certainly it is appropriate when the eightieth anniversary of the congregation is being celebrated that we take a careful look backward and a considered judgment as to the future.

If You Want An Aliyah

If you are observing a special occasion which should be marked by an *aliyah* during the reading of the Torah at synagogue services, please make your request to the synagogue office at least a week or two beforehand. If you wait until you come to the synagogue on the Sabbath, it is sometimes impossible to rearrange the already prepared schedule of honors for the service.

Certain persons are privileged to request an *Aliyah* because of a special occasion: bride and bridegroom and

their parents; parents and grand-parents of a newly born child; one who has escaped from danger, or has recovered from a serious illness; a person who is observing a *Yahrzeit*. These occasions may also be marked by an *Aliyah*: a milestone wedding anniversary or birthday, a *Bar Mitzvah* anniversary.

When you call or write the synagogue office to arrange for an *Aliyah*, tell us your name, the occasion and whether you are a Kohen, Levi or Israelite and whether you can chant the *Haftarah*.

Congregational Seder Thursday, April 19

The Congregational *Seder* sponsored by the synagogue on the second night of Passover will take place on Thursday evening, April 19, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

We know that our congregants will be happy to hear that the *Seder*, to which so many of our congregants and their families look forward, is once again a reality. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct the *Seder* and will be assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the piano.

Those who have previously attended know how impressive the *Seder* at Park Avenue Synagogue always is—a memorable family evening of good fellowship, rich in tradition and ceremony. As usual, the dinner will be served by a leading caterer.

Reservation cards are already in the mail and should be filled out and returned to the synagogue office without delay. Reservations are of necessity limited, and therefore, to avoid possible disappointment, we suggest that you make your reservation now.

— RMR

Mr. and Mrs. Club News

Dance on Saturday, Mar. 31

Invitations have been extended to the entire congregation for the annual dance sponsored by the Mr. and Mrs. Club to be held on Saturday evening, March 31, at 8:30 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. A five piece band has been engaged, and elaborate plans have been made to make this year's affair even more enjoyable than the one held last year.

Art Show

The Mr. and Mrs. Club will sponsor its annual Art Show on April 8, 9, 10 and 11—evenings only. Several well known artists will exhibit their paintings and sculpture, many of which will be available for purchase.

Friday Evening Service

The Mr. and Mrs. Club was honored to have the Honorable Stanley M. Isaacs speak at its Friday evening service, March 16. Mr. Isaacs spoke on "Facing Discrimination in Our Own City", and at the *Oneg Shabbat* following the service answered questions about this important topic.

— Mattis Fern

Parents Association

Passover Workshop—April 3

Under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. Robert Altman, the Parents Association will sponsor a Passover Workshop on Tuesday evening, April 3, at 8:15 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. Everyone is invited and the Parents Association sincerely hopes that not only mothers but also fathers will attend.

Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich and Hazzan and Mrs. David J. Putterman will be present and have graciously offered to explain how to conduct a *Seder* and how to celebrate Passover in a traditional manner and thus make the holiday more meaningful and more exciting for the entire family. Hazzan Putterman will teach the audience some of the melodies sung during the holiday.

Mrs. Altman with her usual artistic talent will arrange an authentic *Seder* table with the appropriate decorations, symbols and foods. At this meeting, the guests will have a splendid opportunity to learn how to make the observance of Passover beautiful and inspirational. We suggest that you plan to be with us on Tuesday evening, April 3, at 8:15 p.m.

Friday Evening Service, April 6

The Parents Association Friday evening service will be held on April 6 at 8:30 p.m. An outstanding speaker has been contacted for this important occasion. The next Bulletin will have complete details about this annual service, but we hope that you will reserve the date—April 6.

Eternal Light Script, Feb. 28 Wins Acclaim

The Eternal Light Script, entitled "The Genie in the Lamp", which was presented by the Parents Association on February 28, was beautifully enacted by the following members of the Parents Association: Sylvia Acker, Edna Altman, Robert Altman, Phyllis Cornell, Herbert Ernest, Michael Perlman, Flora Roth, Martha Sasmor, Albert Siegel, Michael Stowe and Louise Zacks. Mrs. James A. Sasmor, Program chairman, directed the play in a professional manner and won the appreciation of the audience for her splendid work. Mr. George Crook, our synagogue organist, rendered the musical selections between the acts, and Irene Ernest supplied the sound effects. To all, the Parents Association wishes to express its appreciation for this fine performance.

— Abby Kirsch

Men's Club Activities

Meeting on March 27 To Feature Rabbi Edward Klein



RABBI EDWARD KLEIN

Rabbi Edward Klein of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Men's Club to be held on Tuesday evening, March 27, at 8:30 p.m. He will discuss the Marc Chagall stained glass windows and will illustrate his talk with colored slides. Rabbi Klein will explain the meaning of the Biblical references and point out the significance of the symbolism and artistry of these famous windows.

This event which is eagerly anticipated is certain to attract a capacity audience. Ladies are invited to attend this special meeting. Following the question and answer period, refreshments will be served.

Brotherhood Meeting

The Brotherhood Meeting held on February 28, was enthusiastically received by the members and guests who attended. The club presented a panel discussion in which the following took part: Rabbi Judah Nadich, Rev. John Bartle Everts and Rev. George Ford. Mr. L. Chester Glaser, president of the Men's Club, served as moderator of the discussion of the various areas of every day life where the principles of brotherhood can be made effective.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

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Sisterhood News

Bazaar, May 1 and 2

May 1—the long awaited day when Sisterhood will open its annual Bazaar for the benefit of the special project of UJA! Not only will you have fun bargain-hunting, but at the same time you will be helping a very worthy cause.

The Bazaar will begin on Tuesday evening, May 1, at five o'clock with a cocktail party and dinner under the capable supervision of Mrs. Harold Osserman. Gaily decorated booths will be open from 5:00 p.m. throughout the evening for the sale of merchandise.

On Wednesday, May 2, the Bazaar will open at eleven a.m. Luncheon will be served at noon, and, if we are to judge by previous years, it will be an affair you will not want to miss. Merchandise will be sold until five o'clock that day.

Your cooperation is required, however, to make the Bazaar a success. In addition to your presence, we need lots and lots of merchandise. If you have a "White elephant" hiding in your closet, do bring it. One requisite, however—only new goods! Please send your packages to the Sisterhood Bazaar Committee, Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87 Street, New York 28.

Chairman of the Bazaar Committee is Mrs. Joel Levitt; co-chairmen are Mrs. Mack H. Fieber and Mrs. Aaron Schoenbaum. For further information, please contact Mrs. Mack H. Fieber, SA 2-1834.

Brunch-Theater Party, Nov. 28, 1962

Sisterhood is happy to announce that the play chosen for its annual Theatre Party will be "Mr. President", a musical comedy written by Lindsay and Crouse and directed by Joshua Logan. Irving Berlin has written the score and the lyrics. The date of this annual event is Wednesday, November 28, 1962. We are noting the day far in advance so that you can reserve the date and plan to join your friends on this gala occasion.

A Watch Anyone?

Sisterhood's "watch project" has met with considerable success. The attractive bracelet watches, in assorted colors, feature a Swiss movement and gold trim with a petit point rose decoration. The watches sell for the nominal sum of \$20 each, and the proceeds go to the Offering Fund, Sisterhood's project to aid the blind. For further information, please contact Mrs. Herman Bronstein, chairman, at BU 8-0127.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Eightieth Anniversary Celebration of Park Avenue Synagogue

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Sunday Afternoon, April 1, 1962, at Three O'clock

Sunday afternoon, April 1, 1962, will witness an historic event at Park Avenue Synagogue when the Eightieth Anniversary Celebration will take place in the main synagogue at three p.m. The program will include a series of short addresses by distinguished leaders in our synagogue as well as by persons prominent in public life.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will conduct the service on this memorable occasion with Hazzan David J. Putterman. Rabbi Nadich, who came to serve as spiritual leader of Park Avenue Synagogue in 1957 during the celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the synagogue, will bring a message of inspiration to the guests. Hazzan Putterman, who has served the synagogue with loyalty and devotion since 1933, and who has made a lasting contribution in the field of Jewish music, has prepared a special musical program in honor of this occasion. He will be accompanied by Mr. George Crook and the synagogue choir.

Joseph Howard Katz

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who has witnessed the growth of Park Avenue Synagogue over the last twenty-five years, was one of the speakers on the occasion of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Jubilee Celebration. Mr. Katz will greet the guests in behalf of the Board of Trustees and the congregation, and will welcome the many representatives from all walks of life who have been invited to share the joy of this occasion with us.

Dr. Milton Helpern

As chairman of the 80th Anniversary Celebration, Dr. Milton Helpern, a member of the Board of Trustees, will greet the guests and welcome them upon this inspiring occasion. Dr. Helpern, who is Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York, has had a notable career in the medical world, and has gained an enviable international reputation. He is professor and chairman of the Department of Forensic Medicine at NYU's Post-Graduate Medical School. In 1958, he received the Townsend Harris Medal for distinguished service in this field.



Rabbi Judah Nadich
Of Park Avenue Synagogue



Joseph Howard Katz
Chairman,
Board of Trustees



Hazzan David J. Putterman
Of Park Avenue Synagogue



Mayor Robert F. Wagner
Mayor of the City of
New York



Dr. Milton Helpern
Chairman, 80th Anniversary
Celebration



Hon. Jacob K. Javits
U. S. Senator from N. Y.



Judge Bernard Botein
Honorary Trustee,
Park Avenue Synagogue



Milton Weill
Honorary Trustee,
Park Avenue Synagogue

Mayor Robert F. Wagner

Mayor Robert F. Wagner will bring greetings from the City of New York at this function so important in the life of Park Avenue Synagogue.

Mayor Wagner's political career began soon after his graduation in 1937 from Yale Law School when he won a seat in the New York State Assembly. He was the first member of the New York State Legislature to resign in order to enlist in the armed forces. During

his military service, he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Presidential Unit Citation and six battle stars.

Upon his return to private life, he was appointed a Tax Commissioner and in the same year was named Commissioner of the New York City Planning Commission. In 1949, he was elected Borough President of Manhattan. His career was capped by his election as Mayor of the City of New York.

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Eightieth Annual Celebration, Sunday Afternoon April 1, 1962 at Three O'Clock

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Hon. Jacob K. Javits

The main address at the Eightieth Anniversary Celebration will be given by Hon. Jacob K. Javits, the Senior Senator from New York.

The son of immigrant parents, Jacob K. Javits was born in 1904 on the lower East Side of New York City. After his graduation from George Washington High School, he attended night classes at Columbia University and in 1926 was graduated from New York University Law School. Since then, his rise in the political world has grown with the years.

In 1956, he was elected United States Senator. He has sponsored measures to strengthen civil rights and a national policy of non-segregation in private and public housing. A ranking Republican, he has served on the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committees and is the author of the Health Care Act of 1960.

Senator Javits is a lecturer on TV and radio and the author of the book, "Discrimination, USA", and of the article, "Why Israel Will Live", which appeared in *Look* magazine.

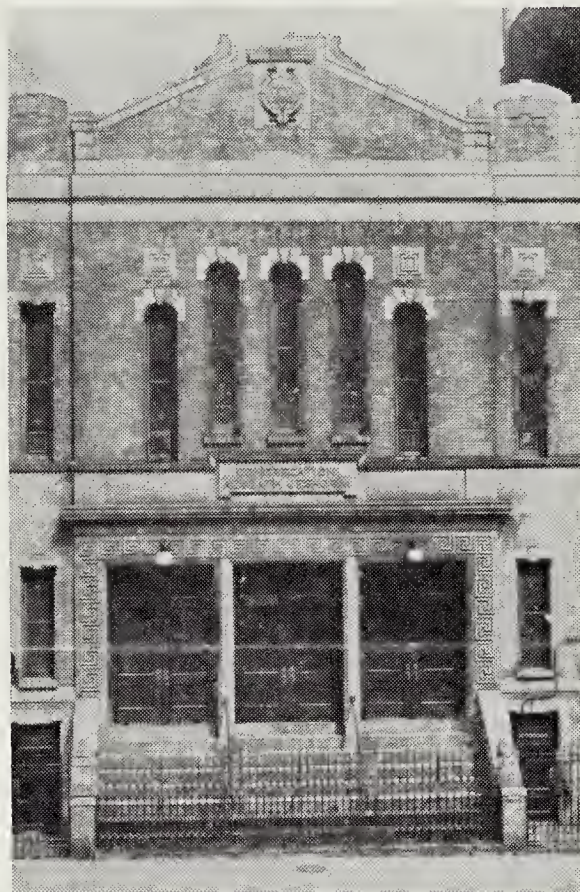
Hon. Bernard Botein

Hon. Bernard Botein, a former chairman of the Board of Trustees, and at present an honorary trustee, will be one of the speakers at the Eightieth Anniversary Celebration. Judge Botein, who has had a brilliant career, is Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department. He, too, has seen the growth of Park Avenue Synagogue over the years and is well qualified to speak on the outstanding achievements of our synagogue not only in the religious world but in the community.

Author of several books based on material from his personal experiences, Judge Botein is the author of several articles in law reviews. In 1960, he was a Cardozo lecturer.

Milton Weill

Perhaps no member is more closely identified with Park Avenue Synagogue than Mr. Milton Weill, a former vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, and a chairman of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Jubilee Celebration. Mr. Weill, who was chairman of the Milton Steinberg Fund, was present at the merger of Park Avenue Synagogue and Temple Atereth Israel and was one of the main



Park Avenue Synagogue in 1890

speakers at the twenty-fifth anniversary of this event celebrated at a Friday evening service in March, 1954. He will address the guests on April 1, and will express his hopes for the future of Park Avenue Synagogue which he foresees will be even more glorious than its past.

Honorary chairmen of the Committee, all of whom are former chairmen of the Board of Trustees of Park Avenue Synagogue, are the following: Hon. Bernard Botein, Frederick Finn and Benjamin Sack.

The committee which will assist the chairman, Dr. Milton Helpert, includes the following members: George Armour, Isidore M. Cohen, Hon. Abraham N. Geller, Saul Godwin, Solomon E. Green, Harry Halbrein, Milton Heller, Hon. Herman Hoffman, Hon. Louis I. Kaplan, Jacob Klein, Gen. Melvin L. Krulwich, Joseph I. Lubin, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, David Mendelsohn, George M. Shapiro, Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel, Milton M. Sivek, Milton Weill, Dr. Seymour Wimpflheimer, and Mrs. Max Zahler.

Sunday, April 1, is a date to mark in your calendar. We know that our congregants and their families and friends will want to be present on that afternoon to join in the celebration of this momentous event in the history of our synagogue—its 80th anniversary.

— RMR

The March of Progress Park Avenue Synagogue 1890 - 1962

In 1890, congregants purchased the site at 115 East 86 Street from the Park Avenue Baptist Church. The photograph shows the temple as it appeared before our beautiful synagogue was constructed in 1926 at its present location. The Milton Steinberg House was added in 1954—a memorial to its revered Rabbi Milton Steinberg.

Our Synagogue Today

To-day Park Avenue Synagogue has a membership of 850 families and a long waiting list of those who are eager to join as soon as a vacancy occurs. Today our synagogue is bustling with activity. Its organizations are many—Sisterhood, Parents Association, Men's Club, Mr. and Mrs. Club and a Youth Activities Group.

Our Liturgical Music Service is now celebrating its eighteenth year and has become an outstanding event. Our Passover Seder, first held in 1951, has now become an annual affair. The daily *Minyan* and the granting of *Aliyot* to women have become realities. Our Religious School has grown to such an extent that we now send students to the newly organized Milton Steinberg High School, to which graduates from the Religious Schools of Park Avenue Synagogue, B'nai Jeshurun and the Society for the Advancement of Judaism are eligible. Two years ago, in an historic decision, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of burial rights in the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery where we now own three acres.

We are justly proud of our congregants who are leaders in all phases of Jewish life and who have assumed their responsibilities in the community.

And now a thought from the Annual Report by our chairman of the Board of Trustees, Joseph Howard Katz:

Several millenia ago it was written: "Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst." The synagogue is the sanctuary, and when we proclaim God's message in the synagogue and render services within these walls, we not only bring benediction to man but we build for ourselves a spiritual bridge which storms cannot destroy nor time corrode.

— RMR

Annual Purim Party A Gay Informal Affair

On March 19, the annual Purim Party took place at Park Avenue Synagogue. The celebration began with the reading of the *Megillah* in the main synagogue during which Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman officiated. In keeping with the tradition of inviting new members to participate in the reading of the Book of Esther, the following took part: Mr. Jack Hausman, Mrs. Irving Kapner, Mr. Murray Berman, Mrs. E. H. Endelson, Mr. Samuel Bernstein, Mrs. Nathaniel Shafer, Mr. Harold Friedman, Mrs. Sidney L. Wolkenberg, Mr. William Sherman.

After the service, the celebration and party took place in the Lemberg Auditorium, gaily decorated with original motifs designed and carried out by our very talented and creative chairman, Mrs. Adolf Stangel.

The mood of the evening was gay and informal in keeping with the spirit of the joyous festival of Purim. A play based on the three different versions of the significance of Purim was beautifully enacted by the following: Esthers of today were played by Mrs. Arthur H. Bienenstock, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan and Mrs. Jacob L. Oberman; the jester by Mr. L. Chester Glaser; the wise man by Mr. Irving Goodstein. Participants in "A Toast to Purim" were: Mr. Andrew Fier, Mr. A. Stanley Robinson and Mr. Lewis Lehr. Mr. Martin Leichtling introduced the participants. Hazzan David J. Putterman graciously acted as advisory director.

Following the performance, there was dancing to the music of a peppy orchestra. Masks for the guests added to the excitement as did the guessing of the identity of the Mystery Masquerader, who turned out to be Mr. Leon Klein. Refreshments, traditional of the holiday, were served during the evening.

For their efforts in arranging such a delightful evening, we are grateful to Mrs. Adolf Stangel, chairman, who gave so much of her time and talent; Mrs. Albert Siegel, chairman of Hospitality, Mrs. Jacques Bienenfeld, Mrs. Alex Danenberg, Mrs. Mattis Fern, Mrs. Emil Forster, Mrs. Leon Klein, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Mrs. Paul Miller, Mrs. A. Stanley Robinson, Mrs. Bernard Robins and Mrs. Nathaniel Shafer.

— RMR

Religious School

Former Students Win Scholarships

We are proud to announce that a number of former students of our School have been awarded Regents or State Scholarships given each year by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to those who qualify after taking an extensive competitive examination given to high school seniors throughout the state.

Our congratulations to the following winners: Michael H. Botein, Simeon J. Grater, Joan M. Helpert, Richard R. Hurtig, David A. Karpf, Roger C. Kline, Jonathan Leichtling, David L. Pakter, and Jonathan Stowe.

Dr. Milton Levine Gives Talks on Sex Education

The School Board has invited Dr. Milton Levine, assistant professor of Pediatrics at Cornell University and eminent author and lecturer in sex education, to give a series of talks to the boys and girls in our Religious School for the age group between twelve and fourteen. The final lectures in the series will be given in Room 502 in the Milton Steinberg House from 5:10 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, and on Wednesday, March 28.

— Martin Leichtling

Annual Music Service Of New Liturgical Music Friday Evening, May 4

Mr. Jan Meyerowitz, internationally renowned composer, has been commissioned this year by our synagogue to compose a new service for the Eighteenth Annual Service of New Liturgical Music by Contemporary Composers.

This service which will have its world premiere performance at our synagogue on Friday evening, May 4, 1962, will be presented by Hazzan David J. Putterman and the choir directed by Mr. Maurice Peress, assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, with Mr. George Crook at the organ.



CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, March 23 5:51 p.m.
Friday, March 30 5:58 p.m.

We Take Pride In Our Members ...

Mrs. Bela Adler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sack, who has written the score of a musical fantasy, "The Wishing Well", for children from the ages of four to ten. Mrs. Adler and a group of singers and dancers, who are known as the "Pinwheel Players", have performed in many schools throughout the city and are listed under the *Amusement for Children* column in the *New York Times* and the *New York Herald Tribune*.

Mrs. Albert A. List, who has been named chairman of the third annual Queen Esther Purim Ball to be held on March 24 at the Jewish Museum. The proceeds will go toward the Museum's acquisition fund for the purchase of contemporary art.

Mr. Joseph I. Lubin, an honorary trustee of Park Avenue Synagogue, who has given \$50,000 to Pace College to help meet the cost of planning a new campus development.

UJA

Israel's citizens will welcome every immigrant who enters her shores, no matter what difficulty this entails. This however, means that now more than ever help on the part of American Jews and UJA in absorbing the newcomers is crucial.

Those who have visited the main centers of assembly for refugees now on their way to Israel have witnessed a deeply stirring spectacle—an immigration explosion. Our people on the march are no longer helpless and confused, but, thanks to the efforts of UJA, are moving confidently towards an historic destination.

Today Providence has given us the rare opportunity to help those in dire distress. The responsibility of saving them belongs to free Jews in the United States and in Israel. Like time and tide, emigration opportunities wait for no one. If we act quickly, we will have the satisfaction of saving more lives. Those who have been saved, beg us not to forget those left behind.

The reward of those who help is great. They will always cherish the knowledge that because of their generosity rescue was made possible. Please make your generous gift to UJA now.

— Freda Sack

Ramah Children's Camps

Although the major educational efforts of the Jewish Theological Seminary are geared towards the young adult, its program also includes attempts to inculcate the experience of Jewish living among the very young. Towards this end, the Seminary's Teachers Institute provides educational supervision for a network of children's camps. Known as the Ramah camps, they are located throughout the United States and Canada.

In 1947, ninety-three children spent the summer at the first Ramah Camp in Canover, Wisconsin. Now fifteen years later, more than 1500 young people from throughout the United States and Canada will attend six Ramah Camps located at Nyack, New York; Lake Como, Pa.; East Hampton, Conn.; Ojai, California; Utterson, Ontario, Canada and the Wisconsin site.

Begun as an experiment in Jewish living, the Ramah movement has developed into a natural extension of the year-round educational program of the child. Operated under the educational supervision of the Teachers Institute of the Seminary, the Hebrew-speaking camps offer regular informal instruction in Jewish studies and contemporary Jewish problems. Stress is also placed on the creative use of the outdoors, on personality development, and on the sharpening of both skills and interests.

The overwhelming number of applicants for the Ramah camps, many of whom must be turned away, points to the ever-growing need in Conservative communities for the opportunity to expose one's children to a positive challenging, emotional and intellectual experience unequalled in American Jewish life today.

Each Ramah camp is supervised by a director who is an accomplished educator with special training in utilizing the camp setting to further the religious and educational objectives of the Conservative Movement.

In 1959, the National Ramah Commission set up a National Camp Leadership Institute at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. Students of exceptional ability about to enter the freshman year in college are admitted to the Institute for positions of leadership in the Ramah Camps.

At the Ramah camps, campers and counsellors alike share in the development of a richer Jewish life.

Plan Wisely! Act Now!

Even though we are often critical of the commercialism which is of necessity connected with the acquisition of cemetery plots, we realize that the actual possession of such a plot in advance of need is a wise, considerate duty that the head of a household should perform for his family. Just as he arranges for insurance and plans ahead for his children's education, so, too, should he settle the matter of a final resting place and thus spare his dear ones the burden at a time when such a transaction would be most trying.

For your peace of mind and in kindness to your loved ones, we urge you to protect your family against life's emergencies long before the need arises. Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee, and Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum, co-chairman, after months of careful study recommended to the Board of Trustees the purchase of burial rights in the Sharon Gardens Section of Kensico Cemetery, Westchester County. This area was unanimously approved and burial rights purchased because of its intrinsic beauty, its excellent maintenance of grounds and its easy accessibility from Manhattan. Today our synagogue owns *three* acres with plots ranging in size from four to twelve to answer the needs of every family.

For complete details, we suggest that you phone Mr. Martin Leichtling, our executive secretary, at EN 9-2600. He will be happy to help you.

— RMR

Congratulations

If a congregant has celebrated a milestone birthday or anniversary and would like the occasion recorded in the Bulletin, please notify the editor (EN 9-2600). The policy of the Bulletin is to record only milestone events, after the event has taken place. We shall also be happy to be informed of engagements and marriages of our members or of their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Appleman upon the birth of a grandson.

Mrs. Emma Luebeck, who will celebrate her 99th birthday on March 26.

Mr. Arthur V. Levey upon his 70th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard I. Rudell upon the engagement of their daughter, Linda Gail, to Mr. Richard Morss.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Stiebel upon their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Max Strauss upon his 80th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Wolfe upon their 25th wedding anniversary.

RESERVE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1962 SISTERHOOD BRUNCH — THEATRE PARTY Musical Comedy

"MR. PRESIDENT"

Score and lyrics by IRVING BERLIN
Book by LINDSAY and CROUSE
Directed by JOSHUA LOGAN

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
Sponsored and supported
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Condolences

Mrs. Leopold Heffner upon the death of her husband.

Mr. Pinkus Jaffe upon the death of his wife, Julia Brown Jaffe.

Dr. Julius J. Leichtling upon the death of his mother, Sylvia Leichtling.

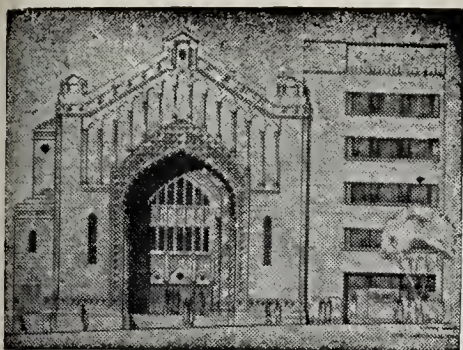
Mrs. Theodore H. Silbert upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Lottie F. Isaacs.

Mrs. Harold L. Margulies upon the death of her husband.

Mrs. David Rapoport upon the death of her mother, Miriam Bernstein.

Mr. Louis Silverman upon the death of his sister, Molly Hoffman.

Mrs. Morris D. Stolz upon the death of her mother, Sarah Fortgang.



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Yizkor Memorial Prayers

will be recited on the last day
of Passover

Thursday, April 26, 1962

Those who wish to memorialize any family member are asked to return the enclosed card to reach the synagogue office no later than Thursday, April 19.

Cards cannot be accepted during the service itself.

David Ben-Dov, Attache at the Embassy of Israel Speaker at Parents Association Service, April 6

At the annual Parents Association Service on Friday, April 6, at 8:30 p.m. the Honorable David Ben-Dov, Educational Attaché at the Embassy of Israel in the United States, will be the guest speaker. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct the service assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

Mr. Ben-Dov will speak on "Israel Today". Born in Haifa in 1923, he was educated there. From 1942 to 1946, he served in the Israel Defense Army.

In 1953, Mr. Ben-Dov was awarded a British Government scholarship and spent two years at Oxford. He received his post-graduate degree for a thesis on British and French policies in the Middle East during the inter-war period.

Attaché, Embassy of Israel



The Honorable David Ben-Dov

Mr. Ben-Dov served Kol Israel, the Israel Broadcasting Service, as news editor and commentator and was also on the staff of the Hebrew University. In 1956, he joined the Foreign Ministry. He served as Assistant Director of the Armistice Affairs Commission, and was assigned to the United States in 1958 as Educational Attaché to the Embassy of Israel, Washington.

The following members of the Parents Association will participate in the service: Mrs. Ernest Barth, Mrs. Arthur H. Bienenstock, Mrs. Samuel Bloom, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, Mrs. Emil Forster, Mrs. Jacob L. Oberman, Mrs. Leon Pordy and Mrs. James A. Sasnor.

The Parents Association invites you to join them on April 6. An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the service.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, April 6 8:30 p.m.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION SABBATH

The Hon. DAVID BEN-DOV, Attaché of the Embassy of Israel
will speak on
"ISRAEL TODAY"

Saturday morning, April 7 9:30 a.m.

Friday evening, April 13 8:30 p.m.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS"
A Teaching Sermon on Passover

Saturday morning, April 14 9:30 a.m.

FIRST DAYS OF PASSOVER

Wednesday evening, April 18 5:45 p.m.

Thursday morning, April 19 9:30 a.m.

Thursday evening, April 19 5:45 p.m.

Congregational Seder to follow

Friday morning, April 20 9:30 a.m.

INTERMEDIATE SABBATH OF PASSOVER

Friday evening, April 20 5:45 p.m.

Saturday morning, April 21 9:30 a.m.

CLOSING DAYS OF PASSOVER

Tuesday evening, April 24 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday morning, April 25 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday evening, April 25 5:45 p.m.

Thursday morning, April 26 9:30 a.m.

including the Yizkor Memorial Prayers

Dr. Nadich will preach at all Passover and Sabbath morning services and will officiate with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the Synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

Passover Holidays Begin Wednesday Evening, Apr. 18

Services and Seder To Usher in Celebration

The festival of Passover will be ushered in with the evening service at the synagogue on Wednesday evening, April 18, at 5:45 p.m. That evening the first *Seder* for families in their homes will be celebrated, as is the traditional practice.

The theme of freedom which this festival celebrates is the issue paramount throughout the world today. Certainly it is to be hoped that old and young will gather around the festive *Seder* table to take note of the freedom we enjoy and to remind ourselves that it will continue to be ours and our children's only if we protect it.

The educational value of the *Seder*, transmitted from one generation to the next, arises from the fact that all the members of the family join to reenact the dramatic presentation of freedom's story around the holiday table, to sing familiar songs and to carry out cherished rituals. Many of us treasure certain beloved memories because as children we attended the *Seder* in the home of parents or grandparents. Our own children and grandchildren are entitled to the same kind of memories.

The morning services will take place on the first day of Passover, Thursday, April 19, and on Friday, April 20, at 9:30 a.m. For the intermediate days of Passover week, the evening services will

take place each day in the Appleman Chapel at 5:45 p.m. On the intermediate Sabbath, services will be held in the synagogue Friday, April 20 at 5:45 p.m. and Saturday, April 21, at 9:30 a.m.

During the closing days of Passover, the evening services will be held at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 24 and 25, with the morning services at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, April 25 and 26. The *Yizkor* memorial prayers will be included in the morning service on the last day, Thursday, April 26.

The *Haggadah* that we read at the *Seder* retells the story of the liberation of our ancestors from Egyptian slavery and of the beginnings of their story as a free people in their own land. The Passover festival, therefore, is a reminder of the close ties between the land of Israel and Jews everywhere. It should stimulate us to contribute generously to the United Jewish Appeal and to buy Israel Bonds in order that we may play a part in the growth of a free and independent Jewish people in its own land, and to help Jews who this year do not enjoy freedom to reach the state of Israel during the months ahead so that next year they, too, will be able to say: "Last year we were slaves, this year free men!"

Rabbi Nadich to Explain Passover Practices At Friday Service, Apr. 13

At the Friday evening service on April 13 which precedes the festival of Passover, Rabbi Nadich will give a teaching sermon in which he will explain the traditional observances of the holiday. He will discuss the origins and development of various practices of the *Seder* and the festival itself. The celebration of the *Seder* and the holiday will become more meaningful with greater understanding of the religious laws and customs associated with them. Readers of the Bulletin are accordingly urged to attend this service with all the members of their families.

April 20 Service

On Friday evening, April 20, during Passover week, the service will take place *not at 8:30 p.m. but at 5:45 p.m.*

Hazzan David Putterman Featured on Passover TV Program, April 15

Under the auspices of the Eternal Light of the Jewish Theological Seminary, a program in honor of Passover will be presented on ABC-TV, Channel 7, on Sunday afternoon, April 15, from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. Our Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct our choir in a musical program traditional of the Passover holiday.

"The Design for Freedom", written by Marc Siegel, will be enacted and will explain the mood, the meaning and the music of Passover, the Festival of Freedom. There will also be a display of *Haggadahs* assembled from the library of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Welcome Home President and Mrs. Klein



**Jacob Klein, President
Of Park Avenue Synagogue**

The congregation extends a hearty welcome to our beloved president, Jacob Klein, and his charming wife Gertrude, who will soon return from a winter spent in Florida.

We all missed the Kleins at the Eightieth Anniversary Celebration of the synagogue, and know that even though they were not with us in person, they were with us in their thoughts.

For many, many years, Jacob has served with love and devotion and has endeared himself to the congregation. We are certain that we speak for all the members who hold him in such high esteem and affection when we say: "Mr. President and dear Gertrude, welcome home!"

Eightieth Anniversary Celebration

As this issue of the Bulletin goes to press, the Eightieth Anniversary Celebration of Park Avenue Synagogue has not yet taken place. This historic event, so important in the lives of our congregants, will be completely covered in the next Bulletin.

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Participants in the Reading of the Book of Esther



The following new members of the congregation took part in the reading of the Book of Esther at the annual Purim party. From left to right, *first row*: Hazzan David J. Putterman, Gloria Shafer, Diane Endelson, Doris Kapner, Rabbi Judah Nadich.

Second row: William Sherman, Jack Hausman, Harold Friedman, Hazzan Abraham Friedman, Samuel Bernstein, Murray Berman.

In keeping with the tradition of inviting new members to participate in the reading of the Book of Esther, the congregants shown in the photo above took part. Following the service, the annual Purim party took place in the gaily decorated Lemberg Auditorium. Mrs. Adolf Stangel, the chairman of the party, won the appreciation and applause of all who attended for her original decorations and arrangements which made the party such a wonderful affair.

Congregational Seder, Thursday Evening April 19

Many Reservations Already Received

Again this year Park Avenue Synagogue is sponsoring a *Seder* on the second night of Passover, Thursday, April 19. The *Seder*, which takes place in the Lemberg Auditorium, will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the piano. The service will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. in the main synagogue and will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by the *Seder* ceremony.

Those who have previously attended know how impressive the *Seder* conducted at Park Avenue Synagogue is—a memorable family evening of good fellowship, rich in tradition and ceremony. As usual, the dinner will be served by a leading caterer.

The narration of the *Haggadah*, a ritual recitation of the liberation of the Jews from Egyptian slavery, the asking of the four questions, the singing of the rich, melodious music from the chanting of the *Kiddush* to the closing, gay *Had Gadya*—all will combine to make your celebration of the *Seder* with your family and friends a joyous occasion that you will long remember.

If you have not yet filled out your card and returned it with your remittance for the desired number of reservations, we urge you to do so immediately. Since reservations must of necessity be limited, we want you to avoid possible disappointment.

As this Bulletin goes to press, many reservations have already been received.

Premiere Performance of 'Shir Hadash L'Shabbat' By Jan Meyerowitz At Friday Service, May 4

The eighteenth annual Service of New Liturgical Music by Contemporary Composers will be presented at Park Avenue Synagogue, Friday evening, May 4, at 8:30 p.m.

These annual services which have become a traditional part of our synagogue were inaugurated in 1943 by our own Hazzan David J. Putterman, and are now regarded as a major musical event in the musical world and in the field of liturgical music. Through his efforts, these outstanding, original works have been made possible, and many composers of renown have been encouraged to compose liturgical music which has greatly enriched our services and the repertoire of synagogue music.

This year the Friday Evening Service will feature the world premiere performance of "Shir Hadash L'Shabbat" by the world renowned composer, Jan Meyerowitz. Mr. Maurice Peress, who conducted the music for the service last year, will conduct again this year, and Mrs. Marguerite Meyerowitz will be at the organ.

Mr. Meyerowitz is well known for his operas, symphonies, cantatas, and choral music. Three of his operas have been produced this year: "Esther", "God-father Death", and "The Barrier". "Shir Hadash L'Shabbat" is his first contribution to the enrichment of synagogue music.

Complete details will appear in the next Bulletin. We do suggest, however, that you reserve the date, Friday, May 4, 1962. A letter will soon be mailed with a return card for complimentary tickets. Please return this card requesting tickets as soon as possible.

— RMR

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Officers and Trustees Visit Seminary

Officers of Park Avenue Synagogue and members of the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council were guests of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America at an interesting visit to the institution Sunday morning, March 11.

A goodly number of ladies and gentlemen sat down to brunch with Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Seminary. Greetings were extended by Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of our Board of Trustees, and Mr. Isidore M. Cohen, who together with Mr. Reuben R. Kaufman heads the Seminary committee of the congregation. Rabbi Nadich introduced Dr. Finkelstein, who spoke on the role the Seminary can play in the future of American Judaism and the contributions it can make.

After this inspiring experience, the members of the group were escorted to the Rare Book and Manuscript room of the library where Miss Anna Kleban, assistant to the librarian, showed them some of the priceless treasures of the largest Jewish library in the world. A student of the Rabbinical Department showed them dormitory rooms, classrooms and other points of interest.

All those who participated in the tour agreed that the morning was one of great significance in their own lives and in the relationship between Park Avenue Synagogue and the mother institution of Conservative Judaism.

Art Exhibit to Benefit Brandeis University

A loan exhibition of modern French paintings by nineteenth and twentieth century masters will be on exhibition at the Wildenstein Gallery, 19 East 64 Street, New York from April 11-25, 1962. This exhibition for the benefit of the Art Scholarship and Grants Fund of Brandeis University will feature seventy paintings lent by friends of Brandeis University to aid Brandeis students of artistic promise.

Among the many fine works in the exhibition will be those by such masters as Bonnard, Cezanne, Chagall, Manet, Matisse, Monet, Picasso, Pissarro.

After the preview evenings, Monday, April 9, and Tuesday, April 10, there will be a nominal charge of one dollar for admission to the exhibit which will continue from April 11 to 25, 1962.

— RMR

Men's Club News

Ladies Night, April 28

Preparations for the Men's Club annual Ladies Night are in full swing under the chairmanship of Mr. Albert Siegel and his co-chairman, Mr. Archie Richman. This affair to which all members of the Club and their ladies look forward each year will take place on Saturday evening, April 28. Although complete plans cannot be given now, the Men's Club can announce at this time that the evening will begin with cocktails followed by a dinner, music, dancing and entertainment.

To enhance the pleasure of its members, the Men's Club is arranging to send a reply reservation card very soon so that members can arrange to sit with their friends at tables of six or eight. We suggest that our members mark the date on their calendars now—April 28.

Lecture on Chagall Windows

At its March meeting, the Club presented Rabbi Edward Klein of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, who gave a detailed explanation of the famous Marc Chagall stained glass windows and illustrated his talk with actual color slides, made at the exhibition of the windows, and symbolizing the twelve tribes of Israel. The capacity crowd that attended found the lecture interesting and were most appreciative of Rabbi Klein's interpretation.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

Mr. and Mrs. Club Events

Art Exhibit—April 8, 9, 10, 11

The Mr. and Mrs. Club will present its third annual Art Exhibit on April 8, 9, 10 and 11 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium.

This year the exhibit will include three times the number of works of art displayed in previous years. Included will be oils, water colors, gouaches and graphics by such artists as Chagall, Dufy, Goya, Klee, Picasso, Roualt and Weber. Many paintings and art books will be available for sale.

Complimentary tickets will be sent to members of the congregation. The fee for admittance for those who do not have tickets will be \$2.00 on Sunday, April 8, when refreshments will be served. On all other evenings, the price of admission will be \$1.00 for those who do not have tickets.

The Art Exhibition is a highlight of synagogue activities, and the show this year promises to be better than ever.

— Andrew Fier

Books at a Glance

A selection of recent acquisitions by the Cohen Library:

Theodore N. Lewis, *My Faith and People*. In 40 essays, a reform rabbi strongly expresses his opinions on topics dealt with in books by other writers, among them: *Who Crucified Jesus*, *The Devil and the Jews*, *The Nazi Holocaust*, *The Jews in Soviet Russia*, and *Religion and the State of Israel*.

Solomon Poll, *The Hasidic Community of Williamsburg*. This book discusses the social and economic activities of that ultra-orthodox Jewish group in Brooklyn which is trying to isolate itself rigorously from the surrounding Western culture. The background of Hasidic life is also described and analyzed in order to make that unusual phenomenon more understandable.

Shabtai Rosenne, editor, *6,000,000 Accusers. Israel's Case Against Eichmann*. The Israel Ambassador has edited and translated from the Hebrew the opening speech of Israel's Attorney-General, Gideon Hausner, at the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem, objections of the defense counsel to the jurisdiction of the Court, the decision of the Court, and Eichmann's plea of not guilty. Thus the highlights of this unique trial are made accessible to the English reader.

Roland de Vaux, *Ancient Israel: Its Life and Institutions*. An outstanding Christian biblical scholar and archaeologist presents in this work every aspect of Israelite life in ancient times: the function of the family, marriage, the position of women, children, death and funeral rites, as well as all civil, military, and religious institutions.

Hugo Mantel, *Studies in the History of the Sanhedrin*. The status of the governing judicial, political, and religious body, the Sanhedrin, which, first and foremost, was concerned with the interpretation of the written and oral law, is examined in this book, also the role of the Nasi, its presiding officer is studied and clarified.

Among our newly acquired novels are Norma Stahl-Rosen's *Joy to Levine*, Shepard Rifkin's *What Ship? Where Bound?*, Robert Nathan's *A Star in the Wind*, and *Ararat* by Stella Wilchek.

For the fifth time the National Book Committee, in cooperation with the American Library Association, is sponsoring the annual National Library Week April 8-14. As in previous years, the purpose of the observance is to bring about a "better-read and better-informed America".

— Hilde Kisch, librarian

Sisterhood News

Panel Discussion, April 10

On Tuesday, April 10, Sisterhood will hold an Open Meeting featuring an unusual panel discussion. In the nature of a pre-Passover program, four questions will be posed to the panel members. These questions which are of importance to modern Jewish women will be: 1) the place of ritual in the home; 2) the kind of education they would like to give their children; 3) the future of the synagogue; 4) how can we keep our children interested in Judaism.

Participating in the panel discussion will be the wives of three rabbis, each answering these questions from the Orthodox, Reform, and Conservative points of view. Representing the Orthodox: Mrs. Immanuel Jakobovits of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue; the Reform: Mrs. Edward E. Klein of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue; and the Conservative: our own Mrs. Judah Nadich.

Mrs. Judah Nadich

Mrs. Judah Nadich needs no introduction to the congregants of Park Avenue Synagogue. She has spoken on many occasions and has always charmed her audience with her presentation of her subject.

Mrs. Nadich, who has a B.A. from Hunter College and a B.H.L. from the Seminary College of Jewish Studies of the Jewish Theological Seminary, will act as moderator of the panel discussion. She has done graduate work at Brandeis University and is now studying at the Graduate School of Teachers' Institute of the Seminary. She is the chairman of the Reading and Editorial Committee of the National Women's League.

Mrs. Edward E. Klein

Mrs. Edward Klein, the wife of Rabbi Edward Klein of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, will be one of the participants in the panel discussion. Born in New York City, Mrs. Klein is a graduate of Julia Richman High School where she was the president of the Student Body. Since her graduation from Smith College, cum laude, she has been active in many community organizations. She has served as president of the PTA of the school which her children attend and also as Program chairman. At present, she is studying at the Louis Rabinowitz School of Social Work at Hunter.

Mrs. Immanuel Jakobovits

Mrs. Immanuel Jakobovits is the wife of Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue in New York. She grew up in Paris and was educated there. Rabbi and Mrs. Jakobovits spent

ten years in Ireland before coming to New York. Five children, all born in Ireland, keep Mrs. Jakobovits too busy to take an active part in the community at the present time, but she has graciously agreed to participate in the panel discussion on April 10.

This promises to be a most interesting and stimulating afternoon, so plan to be with Sisterhood on Tuesday, April 10. Luncheon will be served at 12 noon, before the meeting.

Bazaar, May 1 and 2

Big bargain days are coming—May 1 and 2—Bazaar days at Park Avenue Synagogue—for the benefit of the Special Project of UJA.

The Bazaar will open in the evening of Tuesday, May 1, at 5 o'clock with a cocktail party and dinner, under the capable supervision of Mrs. Harold Osserman. Following that there will be games with wonderful prizes and the sale of varied merchandise attractively displayed in booths. Lunch will be served at noon on Wednesday, May 2, during which day the sale will continue until 5 o'clock.

This, however, requires your cooperation. In addition to your presence, we need lots and lots of merchandise. Whatever size package you have, large or small, it will be welcome.

Books will soon be in the mail telling you about a trip to Bermuda. Please watch for them.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Religious School

Recess

The Passover recess of the Religious School will begin on Wednesday, April 18, 1962. Instruction will be resumed on Monday afternoon, April 30, 1962.

Junior Congregation Services

A major feature of our instruction in the Religious School is participation in services. Parents who have visited our Junior Congregation on Saturday mornings have been impressed with the dignified and meaningful Sabbath Service that is conducted by the students.

Every holiday, our Junior Congregation holds special services in the Appleman Chapel. These services are held for one hour and are geared by the teacher-in-charge to the needs of the students.

Attendance at holiday services is voluntary; students are invited to attend. May we call upon all parents to encourage their children to come to services on Passover—the parents to the main synagogue; the children to the Junior Congregation.

— Martin Leichtling

Parents Association

Friday Eve Service, April 6

The Parents Association will hold its annual Friday Evening Service on April 6, at 8:30 p.m. Although the Bulletin carries complete details of this service on the front page, we want to cordially invite all our members and their families and friends to attend. The Honorable David Ben-Dov, Educational Attaché at the Embassy of Israel will be the guest speaker. Several members of the Parents Association will participate in the reading of the English and Hebrew prayers. Following the service, there will be an *Oneg Shabbat* in the Lemberg Auditorium.

"Shalom" Distributed

The second issue of "Shalom", the newsletter of the Parents Association, was mailed to congregants before the Purim holiday. The Newsletter dedicated to the parents and their children carries interesting articles about the holiday. The editors are eager to publish outstanding poems or compositions written by children of our Religious School. Please send them and any questions you may have about the holidays to Mrs. Robert Kirsch, 1185 Park Avenue.

Passover Workshop

On Tuesday, April 3, the Parents Association held its annual Passover Workshop which proved to be interesting and informative. Our thanks to Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich and to Hazan David J. Putterman, who explained how to conduct a *Seder*. Thanks, also, to Mrs. Robert Altman, chairman, who arranged the beautiful *Seder* table with authentic decorations.

— Abby Kirsch

A Tribute

As a former president of the Parents Association, I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to the following members for their years of service: Mrs. Samuel Deutsch, Mrs. Leon Klein, Mrs. Hector Ritey, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg, Mrs. Albert Siegel, Mrs. Adolf Stangel, Mrs. Michael Stowe and Mrs. Charles Weisberg.

Over the years, they have dedicated themselves to furthering the goals of the Parents Association. It was their loyal and untiring efforts which made the Parents Association the vital force that it is today. May the spark they engendered continue to make the Association glow!

— Vic Wimpfheimer

Passover Help Needed

It has always been traditional among our people to think of the needy at all times of the year but particularly at the Passover season. As a matter of fact, appeals used to be made regularly from synagogue pulpits at this time of the year in order to provide the poor with the requirements for the *Seder* and the meals for the eight days of Passover.

Although we do not have pulpit appeals for this purpose, the needy still exist. Under the auspices of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, a Joint Passover Relief Association carries on the work of supervising and coordinating the distribution of funds and food requirements for Passover among the families who need this help. In addition, The New York Board of Rabbis carries on the eminently worthwhile project of distributing Passover food and other festival necessities among the 18,000 Jewish residents of mental institutions in the state of New York and others who cannot be with their own families for the holiday.

Both of these agencies have turned to Park Avenue Synagogue as they do to Jewish congregations throughout the city to ask for contributions. Normally our Welfare fund would respond to these requests. However, the Welfare fund is now in a state of depletion and requires immediate and generous replenishment.

Readers of this story whose hearts move them to the desire to help this worthy cause may send their checks to Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund.

Welfare Fund Receives More Contributions

During the month of February, the Welfare Fund was the recipient of contributions from the following: Mr. Joseph Lazarus of Gloversville, New York, in appreciation for an *aliyah* for his son before his wedding in New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hausman, upon their wedding anniversary; Mr. and Mrs. Solomon E. Green, in memory of Gertrude Nadich Liss and of Dr. David Moskowitz; Dr. and Mrs. Harold A. Osserman, in memory of Gertrude Nadich Liss; Mrs. Charles Weisberg, in memory of her parents; and Mr. Theodore H. Silbert.

The Welfare Fund is called upon frequently to give assistance to scholars in need and those who require aid in the publication of their works, and also to important causes which cannot receive

In The Days of Abraham

"And the life of Sarah was a hundred and seven and twenty years; These were the years of the life of Sarah."

These lines taken from Genesis XXIII:1 continue: "And Abraham rose up from before his dead and spoke unto the children of Heth, saying: 'I am a stranger and sojourned with you; give me a possession of a burying place with you'..."

The Bible tells us that Abraham desired to secure a burial place that should forever remain a possession of his family. Such a "freehold" purchase was impossible without the assent of the local national council. The Bible goes on to say that Abraham wished to establish an unassailable right to the land by the payment of its "full price". "And the field and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by the children of Heth."

In 1962, such a transaction would be comparatively simple. After months of careful study, the Cemetery Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue headed by Mr. Saul Godwin and Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum recommended to the Board of Trustees the purchase of the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery in Westchester. Our synagogue now owns three acres with plots ranging in size from four to twelve graves.

A phone call to Mr. Martin Leichtling, our executive secretary, will give you complete details (EN 9-2600).

— RMR

Congratulations

Mrs. Henry Bischofsheimer upon her eightieth birthday.

Mr. Harold Siegel upon his seventy-fifth birthday.

Dr. and Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel upon their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yager upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

the support of the general community. It also answers the kind of appeal for help that can be made only to synagogues. The Fund is in need of further contributions if it is to answer the calls made upon it. It will acknowledge with gratitude any gifts made to it in honor of a happy occasion or in memory of a departed person. Checks may be made to the order of the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund and sent to the synagogue office.

Adult Hebrew Courses Extended until Passover

This year the Adult Education Committee headed by Colonel Irvin Waldman offered five Hebrew courses for men and women. These courses were planned for twenty sessions each and were taught by Mrs. Vivian Finkel and Dr. Aaron Giat, in Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Hebrew. They were held on Monday evenings, on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and on Thursday mornings.

Just before the courses were to have concluded the students clamored for their continuation. In view of the excellent progress made in all the classes and the splendid record of attendance throughout the year by the men and women students, permission was granted for the extension of all the courses until Passover. The decision was reached by Colonel Waldman after consultation with Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. Benjamin Sack, chairman of the Finance Committee.

Condolences

Mr. Wilbur Cowett and Mr. Edward Cowett upon the death of their father, Joseph B. Cowett.

Mrs. Leon Klein upon the death of her brother, Jacob Goldfarb.

Mrs. Harold H. Levin upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Rose Schooler in Rochester.

Mrs. George Shapiro upon the death of her grandmother, Sarah Astrachan.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
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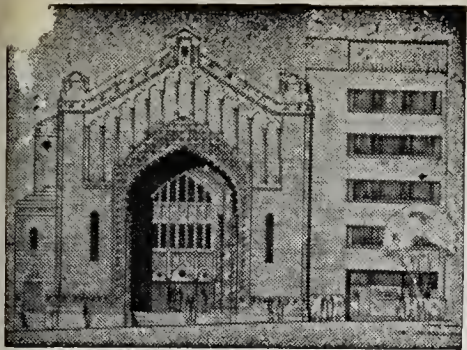
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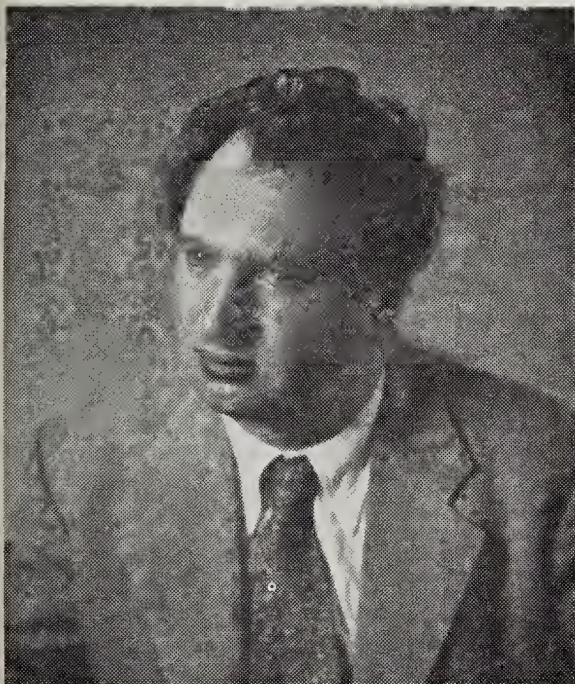
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Premiere Performance of "Shir Hadash L'Shabbat" by Jan Meyerowitz At 18th Service of New Liturgical Music, Friday Evening, May 4 In Honor of the Eightieth Anniversary Celebration of Synagogue

Jan Meyerowitz, composer



Maurice Peress, conductor



The eighteenth annual service of New Liturgical Music by Contemporary Composers, this year dedicated to the Eightieth Anniversary Celebration of our synagogue, will feature the world premiere performance of "Shir Hadash L'Shabbat" by Jan Meyerowitz. This will take place on Friday evening, May 4, at 8:30 p.m. Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct the service assisted by the augmented synagogue choir with Mrs. Marguerite Meyerowitz, the wife of the composer, at the organ.

Hazzan Putterman has been instrumental over the years in making these fine musical services possible. Through his efforts, many composers have been encouraged to compose liturgical music which has greatly enriched our services and the repertoire of synagogue music.

Park Avenue Synagogue is indeed grateful to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Albert List, for their generosity in providing a special fund for the commissioning of new works, not only for this year, but for the next two years.

After the service, a reception will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium in honor of the composer, the conductor and the invited guests. An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow to which you and your family are invited.

Jan Meyerowitz

Jan Meyerowitz, born in 1913 in Breslau, Germany, studied at the Hochschule fur Musik in Berlin. After 1933, he pursued his music studies with Casella, Respighi and Molinari in Rome. The events preceding World War II gradually silenced his public career. During these perilous years he was able, thanks to the devotion of friends in the French and Italian Resistance, to pursue his work. After the liberation, he presented

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80th Annual Congregational Meeting of Synagogue Will Take Place Sunday Evening, May 6, at 8:00 P.M.

The eightieth annual congregational meeting of Park Avenue Synagogue will take place on Sunday evening, May 6, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. All members of the synagogue are cordially invited to attend. Needless to say, membership in our synagogue applies equally to husband and wife in all families.

Official notice, as well as the proposed slate of officers and members of the Board of Trustees, has been mailed to congregants. The slate submitted by Mr. Benjamin Sack, chairman of the Nominating Committee, has been unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board, will give a detailed report of the activities of the synagogue during the past year. Our president, Mr. Jacob Klein, will bring a message of greeting. Following the election, Rabbi Nadich will induct the candidates into office.

Directly after the meeting, a reception will take place in the Sisterhood Lounge where refreshments will be served. Members of Sisterhood, Parents Association, Men's Club and the Mr. and Mrs. Club will serve on the Hospitality Committee.

This meeting is an opportunity for congregants to hear about the many facets of synagogue life. For new members, the meeting should be a "must" because they can learn first hand about the accomplishments of the various arms of the synagogue.

Rabbi Nadich Elected President of Rabbinical Assembly Region

At the recent annual convention of the Metropolitan Region of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, Rabbi Judah Nadich was elected president for the coming term.

The Metropolitan Region consists of over two hundred rabbis who serve Conservative congregations in the five boroughs of New York City and in Westchester, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland and Putnam Counties.

The rabbi was also recently reelected for another three-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the 92nd Street YM-YWHA.

The April issue of *Jewish Social Studies* printed a book review by Rabbi Nadich of the volume entitled "Dr. Goebbels: His Life and Death" by Roger Manvell and Heinrich Fraenkel which was published recently by Simon and Schuster. His review of "The Passover Anthology" by Philip Goodman, published by the Jewish Publication Society of America, appeared recently in *In Jewish Bookland*.

Friday Eve Services On New Schedule

Starting May 11, the Friday evening services will be held each week at 5:45 p.m. in the main synagogue. This schedule will continue through the summer.

Our members and friends are urged to attend this brief service welcoming the Sabbath in order to begin the great Jewish day of the week with the sanctity and the inspiration of a congregational service. Since this is a brief service of prayer and song, usually ending about 6:30 p.m., it offers an opportunity to come together with the children in the family and to habituate them to the practice of worship with a congregation.

Let our children see that their parents begin the Sabbath with prayer, and it may change their own lives considerably. Certainly it will affect the lives of the men and the women who make this a part of the pattern of their living.

The Saturday morning services continue at the regular hour, commencing at 9:30 a.m., and include the weekly Sabbath morning sermon by Rabbi Nadich.

Hazzan Putterman and the synagogue choir offer the music of both the early Friday evening and the Sabbath morning services.

Ambassador Eshel To Speak at May 5 Service

The Sabbath morning service on May 5 will be devoted to the celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel. Ambassador Arie Eshel, the new Consul General of Israel in New York, the guest of honor, will speak. Rabbi Nadich is arranging special prayers and readings, and Hazzan Putterman is preparing a special musical program.

Ambassador Arie Eshel



Before assuming his new post as Consul General here, Mr. Eshel served as Deputy Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations, and before that as Ambassador of Israel to Uruguay. His diplomatic career includes service as consul-general in Vienna and as director of the East European division of the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem. He served as a unit commander in the Haganah.

Schedule of Religious Services

CLOSING DAYS OF PASSOVER

This evening, Tuesday, April 24 5:45 p.m.
 Wednesday morning, April 25 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday evening, April 25 5:45 p.m.
 Thursday morning, April 26 9:30 a.m.

including the Yizkor Memorial Prayers

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, April 27 5:45 p.m.
 Saturday morning, April 28 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Mark Mitchell Kerstein

son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Kerstein

Friday evening, May 4 8:30 p.m.

Eighteenth Annual New Liturgical Music Service

Shir Hadash L'Shabbat by Jan Meyerowitz

Saturday morning, May 5 9:30 a.m.

Service of Celebration of Israel Independence

Ambassador ARIEH ESHEL

Consul General of Israel in N. Y. will speak

Bar Mitzvah of Phillip H. Alfus

son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Alfus

Friday evening, May 11 5:45 p.m.

Saturday morning, May 12 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of William Kutik

son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kutik

Rabbi Naidch will preach at all Saturday and festival morning services and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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Candidates for Officers and Board of Trustees to be Elected at The Congregational Meeting, May 6

In accordance with Article III, Section 1 of the By-laws, the Board of Trustees wishes to present at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday evening, May 6, the following candidates for officers and trustees of Park Avenue Synagogue for the year beginning, May 6, 1962.

The members of the Nominating Committee are: Mr. Benjamin Sack, chairman; Mr. George Armour, Mr. Harry A. Dubin, General Melvin L. Krulewitch, Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel and Mr. Archie Thurman.

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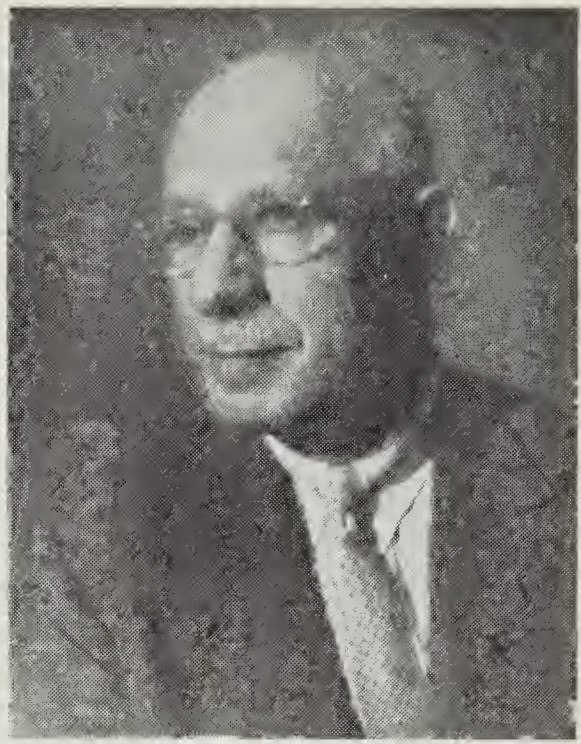
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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, May 1—5:00 p.m.

Sisterhood Bazaar

Cocktails and Supper

Wednesday, May 2

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Luncheon and Bazaar

Friday, May 4, Service—8:30 p.m.

18th Liturgical Music Service

Sunday, May 6—8:00 p.m.

80th Congregational Meeting

Maurice Peress

Maurice Peress, who will conduct the performance of "Shir Hadash L'Shabbat", was born in New York City, March 18, 1930. He received his education in the schools of this city and was graduated from New York University in 1951 with a B.A. degree in music. He studied at the David Mannes College of Music under a scholarship with Carl Bamberger. Since 1958, he has been a faculty member and conductor of the Washington Square Orchestra and Chorus of New York University. During 1957-1959, he was assistant conductor of the Mannes College of Music Orchestra. He has conducted numerous concerts, TV broadcasts, summer stock and orchestras in the legitimate theater.

Recently, Mr. Peress was appointed by Mr. Leonard Bernstein assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

— RMR

Premiere Performance of "Shir Hadash L'Shabbat"

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his works in concert and over the radio with such French artists as Jean Pierre Rampal, Yvonne Loriod, Yvon Le Marc' Hadour and Marguerite Fricker (who is now Mrs. Meyerowitz).

Mr. Meyerowitz came to the United States in 1946, and his musical reputation has been growing steadily since his arrival. His works have been performed frequently by major musical organizations throughout the country. He has been a member of the faculty of the Berkshire Music Center at Tanglewood, Mass. and is now lecturing in music at Brooklyn College. In 1956 and 1958 he received Guggenheim Fellowships.

The Italian composer-critic, Mario Labroca, commented on his style in 1934 after Meyerowitz's first concert in Rome. The observation he made then is still applicable today: "His compositions are written in a chromatic style like Berg's but they nevertheless present an evident melodic definition which clearly excludes them from the world of atonality."

In 1957, Felix Greissle discussed in

The Music Quarterly the special importance of Meyerowitz' work and credits him with the kind of painstaking development of style needed in this period. "He has decided for himself," writes Greissle, "to take up and expand where recent tradition has left us with a near vacuum . . . because of his perseverance and determined effort, we will have to watch Jan Meyerowitz and take him quite seriously."

Mr. Meyerowitz is well known for his operas, symphonies, cantatas and choral music. His opera "Esther" commissioned by the Fromm Foundation was produced three times in America. His symphony "Midrash Esther", first conducted by Dimitri Mitropoulos with the New York Philharmonic in 1957, has been performed in Munich and in Rome.

This Friday evening service "Shir Hadash L'Shabbat" is his first contribution to the enrichment of synagogue music. Mr. Meyerowitz paid tribute to Hazzan Putterman by stating "he acted most graciously as the architect for this work."

Eightieth Anniversary Celebration of Park Avenue Synagogue Took Place Sunday Afternoon, April 1, 1962



Members of the Planning Committee of the 80th Anniversary Celebration

Seated from left to right: Hazzan Abraham Friedman, Judge Bernard Botein, Dr. Milton Helpern, Rabbi Judah Nadich, Hazzan David J. Putterman, Benjamin Sack, Frederick Finn, Edith Zahler.

Standing from left to right: Milton M. Sivek, Milton Heller, Judge Louis I. Kaplan, General Melvin L. Krulewitch, Irving Mitchell Felt, Harry Halbren, Saul Godwin, Joseph I. Lubin, Judge Abraham N. Geller, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Joseph Howard Katz, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, George M. Shapiro, Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel and Martin Leichtling.

A capacity audience attended the observance of the Eightieth Anniversary of the founding of Park Avenue Synagogue on Sunday afternoon, April 1, 1962. This historic event took place in the main synagogue, and congregants, their families and friends, as well as many guests from all walks of life—religious, civic and political—were present to join in the celebration.

Rabbi Judah Nadich conducted the service on this memorable occasion with Hazzan David J. Putterman, who prepared a special musical program in honor of the occasion. He was accompanied by Mr. George Crook and the synagogue choir.

Dr. Helpern Welcomes Guests

As chairman of the Eightieth Anniversary Celebration, Dr. Milton Helpern, a member of the Board of Trustees, and Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York, welcomed the guests and expressed his delight at seeing representatives from so many synagogues and churches present. Dr. Helpern read messages from many friends of our syna-

gogue, among which were messages from Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, The New York Board of Rabbis, Mr. Jacob Klein, Governor Herbert H. Lehman, and Governor Nelson Rockefeller and the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

Greetings from Joseph Howard Katz

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, greeted the guests and expressed his appreciation to Dr. Helpern, chairman, and to the members of his committee for their efforts in making the celebration such an outstanding event in the life of our congregation.

The Past

As Recalled by Hon. Bernard Botein

The Honorable Bernard Botein, a former chairman of the Board of Trustees, an honorary trustee, and Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department, recalled the past few decades of our syna-

gogue, particularly during the period when he held office. He singled out the dedication of the late Jacob Friedman Jr. who was president of the synagogue for thirty years, of Rabbi Milton Steinberg of blessed memory, who served as rabbi of our synagogue from 1933 to 1950 with loyalty and devotion, and of Hazzan David J. Putterman, who has been with us for 29 years. Judge Botein predicted that at future anniversaries of the congregation, the names of Rabbi Judah Nadich, Jacob Klein and Joseph Howard Katz will likewise be singled out for their dedication and inspired leadership.

Milton Weill Predicts the Future

Mr. Milton Weill, a former vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees, peered into the future and foresaw a far reaching program of achievements at Park Avenue Synagogue. He referred to the Liturgical Music Services conducted annually for the last seventeen years by our Hazzan Putterman, who has been instrumental in encouraging many musicians to compose original, liturgical



Members seated on the pulpit during the 80th Anniversary Celebration: From left to right: Hazzan Abraham Friedman, Judge Bernard Botein, Dr. Milton Helpert, Rabbi Judah Nadich, Hazzan David J. Putterman, Benjamin Sack, Frederick Finn and Joseph Howard Katz.

music. As examples of a forward looking program, Mr. Weill spoke of the granting of Aliyot to women, of the daily Minyan and of Rabbi Nadich's Seminars for judges, lawyers, doctors and businessmen—all of which have become realities during the last five years since Rabbi Nadich has been our inspiring, spiritual leader.

A Message from Rabbi Nadich

In his message, Rabbi Nadich pointed out that the greatest achievement for which man can work is to make the earth a better place than he found it. The synagogue, he said, offers meaningful direction and purpose where man can learn humility and compassion.

Address by Senator Javits

The main address was delivered by the Honorable Jacob K. Javits, Senior Senator from New York, who spoke of the concern Jewish people must constantly have for all minorities and how determined they must be to cry out against injustice—the injustice of anti-semitism, communism and hatred. Park Avenue Synagogue, he said, is honored not only for what it has already done but for what it will do in the future.

Mayor Wagner Greets the Audience

Mayor Robert F. Wagner brought greetings from the City of New York and expressed his gratitude to our congregation for its contribution in upholding the standards of religious training for our young people.

The singing of "Adon Olam" led by Hazzan Putterman and the closing prayer and benediction by Rabbi Nadich brought to a close the dignified and inspiring program in celebration of this momentous event in the history of our synagogue—its 80th Anniversary.

Park Avenue Synagogue wishes to express its appreciation to Dr. Milton Helpert, chairman of the 80th Anniversary Celebration, and to the members of his committee:

Honorary chairmen: The Honorable Bernard Botein, Frederick Finn, Jacob Klein and Benjamin Sack.

Members of the committee: George Armour, Isidore M. Cohen, Hon. Abraham N. Geller, Saul Godwin, Solomon E. Green, Harry Halbren, Milton Heller, Hon. Herman Hoffman, Hon. Louis I. Kaplan, Gen. Melvin L. Krulwich, Joseph I. Lubin, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, David Mendelsohn, George M. Shapiro, Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel, Milton M. Sivek, Milton Weill, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, and Mrs. Max Zahler.

— RMR

Congregational Seder An Enjoyable Event

Our annual Congregational *Seder* held in the Lemberg Auditorium on the second night of Passover, April 19, was hailed as one of the most enjoyable functions of its kind ever held at Park Avenue Synagogue. The warmth and conviviality of spirit gave one the feeling of sitting with one's own family at a *Seder* at home.

Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman conducted the *Seder*, and the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the piano led in the singing of many songs. In addition to the music of the *Haggadah* itself, a number of Israeli and Yiddish songs were sung during the course of the dinner.

The beautiful, colorful table decorations which added so much to the charming atmosphere of the Lemberg Auditorium were designed by Mrs. Milton M. Sivek, chairman of decorations.

The following members acted as hostesses: Mrs. Joseph E. Cohen, Mrs. Saul Godwin, Mrs. Jack Hausman, Mrs. Louis Hershey, Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz, Mrs. Judah Nadich, Mrs. David J. Putterman, Mrs. George Shapiro, Mrs. Asa Sokolow, and Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow.

— RMR

UJA Women's Division

As we celebrate the Passover holidays each year, we recall the struggle waged and won by our ancient forefathers against the tyranny and oppression of their time. This year, the observance of this Festival of Freedom again reminds us sharply that in our time Jews in many parts of the world still struggle desperately to achieve the dignity and security which all free men enjoy.

Through the United Jewish Appeal, we, the Jews of a free America, are enabling thousands upon thousands of our fellow Jews to reach havens of safety, and we continue to provide the human needs of those who depend on UJA for their very daily sustenance.

UJA volunteers of our Sisterhood are on the job now, for the drive is at its peak. We are sure that when you are called upon, you will respond in measure generous enough to make possible the fulfillment of UJA's greatly increased obligations in 1962. GIVE MORE, THAT MORE MAY LIVE!

— Freda Sack

Messages Received at Eightieth Anniversary Celebration of Synagogue

Although many messages were received by our chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, we are able to print only three due to limitation of space.

From our president, Jacob Klein:

Eighty years ago, a small band of Jews in New York City organized themselves into a congregation. This band multiplied and grew into an assembly of 850 families who formed themselves into one large congregation to perform God's will. This congregation is now Park Avenue Synagogue, and today I have the pleasure of congratulating the membership body on its 80th birthday. It is indeed a happy circumstance to be able to say to you with deep affection "Mazel Tov".

This great body of congregants who have inherited from the original founders and their descendants this fine synagogue and who, together with their rabbi, hazzan, their officers, chairman and members on the Board and Advisory Board, work unselfishly to maintain this house for the glory of God have performed a service of inestimable value to Israel, to Judaism, and to the entire membership. It is with keen regret that Mrs. Klein and I find it impossible because of health reasons to be present on this auspicious occasion, but even though not present in the flesh, we are with you in love and spirit.

— Jacob Klein

March 13, 1962

Dear Mr. Katz:

It is with great pleasure that I send my congratulations to the congregation of the Park Avenue Synagogue on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of its founding. I join with you in the prayer that the next eighty years may be as fruitful as the first eight decades of service to the community and that the Synagogue continues to enjoy the blessings which have made it one of the outstanding Houses of Worship in our State.

To my many friends in the congregation and to the distinguished guests who are participating in the celebration, I extend my warmest regards.

Your eighty years of service attest to the devotion of successive generations of worshippers and also to the inspired spiritual leadership of your Rabbis. You have been fortunate in having in your pulpit two of the most learned and dedicated teachers. I mean, of course, the late beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg and his successor, Rabbi Judah Nadich. They, too, have been fortunate in the support and encouragement of singularly understanding and sympathetic boards of trustees.

I am sure the blessing of Divine Providence will attend your reverent celebration.

Sincerely,
Nelson A. Rockefeller

March 9, 1962

Dear Mr. Katz:

It is a great joy to extend best wishes of the Faculty of the Seminary as well as my own to the Park Avenue Synagogue on the occasion of its eightieth anniversary.

The Park Avenue Synagogue has won a most distinguished place for itself in American Judaism, particularly during the last thirty years, when it has had such splendid rabbinic and lay leadership. It is encouraging to all of us to know that under the guidance of Rabbi Judah Nadich, not only have its fine standards been maintained, but they have been developed so that many of the activities conducted at the Park Avenue Synagogue, including the school, have become exemplary for the whole Conservative movement.

The membership of the Park Avenue Synagogue includes some of the most distinguished Jews of this country, and indeed, the roster of its members seems to many of us like a roster of "Who's Who" in American Judaism. Because of its enormous influence, both already actualized and potential, we at the Seminary regard your synagogue as one of the citadels of Torah in our country. We must be grateful that eighty years ago, men of great vision and heroic strength established the synagogue, and that, during the early years they nurtured it so that it could become the basis on which the present proud structure could be reared. It has been my great privilege to know you and your associates with some intimacy. I am glad that you and they are giving the community the leadership, dedication and devotion which are so needed in our time.

I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am that my beloved colleague, Rabbi Judah Nadich, whose many gifts have endeared him to all of us here at the Seminary, is now Rabbi of your congregation, and therefore a close neighbor of ours. Everytime I see him, whether in the Synagogue or at the Seminary, he is an inspiration and encouragement to me. The fact that he stands at the helm of your congregation, speaks from its pulpit, and directs its spiritual affairs, is one of the most hopeful portents in American Jewish life today.

With warmest regards,

Cordially, as ever,
Louis Finkelstein

Sisterhood News

Open Meeting—May 15 Birthday Party

On Tuesday, May 15, Sisterhood will hold its final meeting of the current season. A gala birthday party is planned for the occasion and an unusual program entitled, "Music Can Be Fun", will be presented. Selections will be played on two pianos by eight hands, and Maude Goldberg, who conducts this piano ensemble, will serve as narrator. Since this is Sisterhood's annual birthday party, this gay program is particularly appropriate. Luncheon will be served at noon. Following the program, the officers for the coming year will be installed by Rabbi Nadich.

Bazaar—May 1 and 2

This is our last chance to remind you of our Big Bazaar—May 1 and 2—to be held at the synagogue. Lots of bargains and lots of varied, attractive merchandise will be for sale on these days.

Be sure to come on Tuesday, May 1, in time for cocktails and dinner. Then stay for the games with wonderful prizes and the sale of varied merchandise which will be attractively displayed in booths. Lunch will be served on Wednesday, May 2, on which day the sale of merchandise will continue. In addition to having fun bargain-hunting, you will also be doing a good deed, since the Bazaar is for the benefit of the Special Project of the United Jewish Appeal.

Visit to Jewish Guild for Blind

On May 22, Sisterhood will hold its annual party at the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind in Yonkers. Those who wish to join the group going to Yonkers, please call Mrs. Alfred Luebeck, AT 9-2576.

Panel Discussions

On April 10, Sisterhood presented a panel discussion in the nature of a pre-Passover program. Participating in the discussion were the wives of three rabbis, each of whom answered questions from the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform points of view. Representing the Orthodox: Mrs. Immanuel Jakobovits of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue; the Reform: Mrs. Edward Klein of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue; and the Conservative: our own Mrs. Judah Nadich, who served as moderator. This proved to be one of the most enjoyable programs of the year.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Registration For Milton Steinberg High School

Who may enroll?

1. Students who have been graduated from the Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School or from any recognized five-year Hebrew School.
2. Students who are 13 to 16 years of age and in high school may be admitted to take special courses.

What courses will be offered?

The Course of Study will offer subjects in English or in Hebrew in the following areas:

1. The Story of the Jewish People
2. The Bible
3. Religion
4. Jewish and Hebrew Literature

When will the school be in session?

The student may enroll for one of three levels of instruction:

1. Three-hour program meets on Sundays only. Tuition \$60 per annum.
2. Five-hour program meets on Sunday and one week-day. Tuition \$100 per annum.
3. Seven-hour program meets on Sunday and two week-days. Tuition \$100 per annum.

Where will the school conduct classes?

The School will meet at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 32 West 86 Street, New York City.

How may I enroll?

Students may apply for September admission at the Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School office on week-days between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

— Martin Leichtling

Parents Association

The Parents Association held its annual Friday evening service on April 6 when the Honorable David Ben-Dov, Educational Attaché at the Embassy of Israel, was the guest speaker. The large audience who heard Mr. Ben-Dov found his discussion of "Israel Today" very interesting and thought provoking. The following members of the Parents Association participated in the reading of the English and Hebrew prayers: Mrs. Ernest Barth, Mrs. Arthur H. Bienenstock, Mrs. Samuel Bloom, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, Mrs. Emil Forster, Mrs. Jacob L. Oberman, Mrs. Leon Pordy and Mrs. James A. Sasnor.

Open Meeting—May 23

At the final open meeting of the season on May 23, the guest speaker will be Rabbi Paul Ritterband, principal of the Milton Steinberg Central High School for Jewish Studies, which graduates from the religious schools of Park Avenue Synagogue, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and the Society for the Advancement of Judaism are eligible to attend.

— Abby Kirsch

Men's Club News

Ladies Night, April 28

This year the annual Ladies Night, which through the years has been received with enthusiastic acclaim, will take place Saturday evening, April 28, in the Lemberg Auditorium transformed for the occasion into a sophisticated yet intimate night club—50 EAST. There will be entertainment by a top night club entertainer and dancing to the music of a peppy dance ensemble.

After the cocktail hour, dinner will be served at tables. To enhance the pleasure of the guests, the Men's Club wishes to inform its membership that reservations will be accepted for tables which will seat six and eight so that friends can sit with friends. To avoid possible disappointment due to physical limitations of space, we suggest that members send in their requests for reservations immediately.

Chairman of this affair to which members eagerly look forward each year is Mr. Albert Siegel; co-chairman, Mr. Archie Richman.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

Women's League Publishes New Diary

A new calendar-diary and appointment book for the coming Jewish year 5723 has just been published by the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America. Our own Sisterhood is affiliated with this organization.

The book has been produced by Mrs. Judah Nadich and Mrs. Mordecai Waxman on behalf of the Reading and Editorial Committee of the Women's League.

The handsome book is beautified by reproductions of woodcuts from the Jewish Museum selected by the curator, Dr. Stephen S. Kayser. In addition to the calendar-diary pages for appointments, the book includes the candle-lighting time and Scriptural reading for each Sabbath and holiday.

It will be on sale at future Sisterhood meetings at the Sisterhood gift table.

Federation Seeks Full Membership Support

Under the chairmanship of David Pickett, and with the warm endorsement of Rabbi Judah Nadich, preparations are under way for winding up the annual appeal to Park Avenue Synagogue members in behalf of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. Remarking that Federation services are increasingly being used to benefit all members of the community, Rabbi Nadich commented:

"The 116 agencies for which Federation raises funds serve the entire community in which we live. However, more directly, whether we know it or not, they serve the members of our family and ourselves. If Federation ever had the meaning of helping those financially less fortunate, its meaning has changed today; for although it is true that in many instances those helped by Federation may be of the less affluent members of the community, it is also true that the hospitals, the schools, the Jewish community centers, and Y's, the homes for the aged and the case work agencies serve the members of our congregation week in and week out.

"This citation of agencies is not meant to be exclusive either. Our own Religious School benefits from the counsel and supervision of the Jewish Education Committee, a beneficiary of Federation.

"In the most real sense, then, in giving to Federation, we are taxing ourselves for the benefit of our families and ourselves—as well as for the welfare of our community. I would strongly urge all members of Park Avenue Synagogue who have not yet done so to contribute to Federation."

Condolences

Mrs. Leonard Arkin upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Fannie Garfunkel.

Mrs. Marvin Chandler upon the death of her father, Sol C. Korn; Mrs. Anna Edelman upon the death of her brother.

Mr. Benjamin Siskin upon the death of his sister, Lillian Benjamin.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
Sponsored and supported
by the Men's Club

Mr. and Mrs. Club

Art Exhibit

The Mr. and Mrs. Club concluded its third annual and most successful Art Show to rave reviews. Its success was due to many persons of course, but several members must be singled out for commendation.

As president, I want to thank Janet Lehr, our chairman, who worked tirelessly and then was unable to be present after the first night because of a case of German measles. Thanks are also due to Lynn Ballin, who, with the help of her committee, selected the works of art which were hung. Marsha Svirsky and her capable sales women were also a vital key to our success. Last but not least, I want to thank my wife, Phyllis, for the splendid job she did in advertising the show.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club is already looking forward to its Art Exhibit next year when the members hope to display even more works of art.

— Andrew Fier

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennet upon the birth of a granddaughter, Laura Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bercu upon the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jay, to Mr. Carl Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Baumritter upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary. Also congratulations upon the birth of a granddaughter, Suzanne Lea.

Dr. Milton Helpert upon his 60th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hochstein upon the engagement of their daughter, Deborah, to Dr. William Bernard Benjamin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jablow upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Guido Kisch upon the marriage of their son, Dr. Alexander Kisch to Alice D. Katcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koch upon the birth of a grandson, Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Robbins upon the birth of a daughter, Eve Iris.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sack upon the birth of a granddaughter, Jennifer Wollan.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wallack upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Travel Directions To Sharon Gardens

Now that the weather is pleasant, we know that some of our members may want to drive to Sharon Gardens, Kensico Cemetery, to inspect the Park Avenue Synagogue burial grounds.

Under favorable road conditions, the trip can be made by automobile approximately in forty-five minutes. Many congregants are familiar enough with Westchester County to select their own itinerary. Perhaps the easiest route for your first trip of inspection to Sharon Gardens is the following:

From the Triboro Bridge, take the Major Deegan Highway which very soon becomes the New York State Thruway. Leave the Thruway at Rt. No. 119 Elmsford, Exit 8. You will then find yourself on Main Street in Elmsford, also known as Tarrytown Road. Turn right and proceed in an easterly direction for one and one-half miles. You should then be approaching an intersection called Knollwood Road, Rt. 100A. Bear right on the service road (do not go under the bridge) and at this intersection make a left turn on to Route 100A. Proceed on this road for approximately two miles. At this point you will reach an intersection which, when crossed, brings you on to route 100. Continue proceeding north. This road is also called Bradhurst Avenue. After you proceed for five tenths of a mile, you will arrive at Lakeview Avenue which goes in only one direction to your right, easterly. Directly above the Lakeview Avenue sign, there is another one which say *Sharon Gardens*. Proceed on Lakeview Avenue for seven tenths of a mile. This brings you to the office of the cemetery.

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Eightieth Annual Congregational Meeting of Park Avenue Synagogue Joseph Howard Katz Re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees Jacob Klein Re-elected President of The Synagogue

JOSEPH HOWARD KATZ



**Re-elected
Chairman of Board of Trustees**

JACOB KLEIN



**Re-elected
President of Synagogue**

The eightieth congregational meeting of Park Avenue Synagogue took place on Sunday evening, May 6, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

The slate of officers presented by Mr. Benjamin Sack, chairman of the Nominating Committee, was unanimously approved. The administration will be headed by Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, re-elected chairman of the Board of Trustees; Saul Godwin, re-elected vice-chairman; Jacob Klein, elected president for the eleventh year; Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, re-elected 1st vice-president; Solomon E. Green, re-elected 2nd vice-president; Milton M. Sivek, re-elected treasurer; Joseph P. Mandelbaum, re-elected associate treasurer.

The members of the class of 1965 elected to the Board of Trustees are: George L. Armour, Benjamin Gross, Harry Halbren, Emanuel Hochman, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, I. B. Oseas, Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, Asa D. Sokolow, Colonel Irvin Waldman, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Mrs. Max Zahler, president of Sisterhood, was also elected to the Class of 1965.

The following amendments to the By-Laws of Park Avenue Synagogue were unanimously approved:

Article II, Section 2

"The President of the Sisterhood and the President of the Men's Club during their terms of office and if members of the congregation, in good standing, shall be among those nominated by the Nominating Committee for membership on the Board of Trustees, and their names be submitted for approval to the Board of Trustees and the congregation as provided in Article II hereof."

Article III, Section 1.

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, May 185:45 p.m.

Saturday morning, May 199:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Frederic W. Stolz
son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris D. Stolz**

Friday evening, May 255:45 p.m.

Saturday morning, May 269:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Seth Felt
son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Mitchell Felt**

Friday evening, June 15:45 p.m.

Saturday morning, June 29:30 a.m.

Rabbi Nadich will preach at all Saturday and festival morning services and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

"Shir Hadash L'Shabbat" Premiere at Synagogue

The Eighteenth Annual Service of New Liturgical Music by Contemporary Composers which took place at the Friday evening service on May 4 was a brilliant event at Park Avenue Synagogue.

The world premiere of "Shir Hadash L'Shabbat" by the talented composer, Jan Meyerowitz, was presented by Hazzan David J. Putterman, and the soloists of the synagogue choir under the direction of Maurice Peress, the conductor, and George Crook, organist. Rabbi Judah Nadich gave a fine commentary on modern liturgical music.

Of the performance, Alan Rich of *The New York Times* says in his favorable comment: "The work is difficult to perform, and it was performed well. Mr. Peress, who had conducted part of the afternoon's Philharmonic concert, got finely balanced sounds out of his chorus, and there were lovely incidental solos by several members of the ensemble."

Those who attended were guests at the *Oneg Shabbat* held in the Lemberg Auditorium after the service.

Park Avenue Synagogue is grateful to our members, Mr. and Mrs. A. List for their generosity in providing a special fund for the commissioning of new works, not only for this year but for the next two years.

— RMR

Cantors' Assembly

The Cantors' Assembly of America, founded by Hazzan Putterman, will hold its fifteenth annual convention at Grossinger's from May 13 to 17. More than 600 representatives from Conservative synagogues in the United States and Canada will be present to participate in work shops, attend lectures and courses in Hazzanut and synagogue music. The convention this year is dedicated to the Cantors' Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America on the occasion of its tenth anniversary. Hazzan Putterman is the "spiritual father" of the Cantors' Institute and a member of its family.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Friday, May 18 7:48 p.m. E.D.T.
Friday, May 25 7:55 p.m. E.D.T.
Friday, June 1, 8:00 p.m. E.D.T.

High Holy Days Tickets

Mr. Harry Halbren, chairman of the Membership Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue, has announced that, in accordance with the customary procedure, membership bills and tickets for the forthcoming High Holy Days have been mailed to all congregants whose accounts are in order and whose dues have been paid for the current fiscal year.

No Seating Changes Until August

This year the High Holy Days occur on September 29 and 30 (*Rosh Hashanah*) and on October 8 (*Yom Kippur*). Mr. Martin Leichtling, executive secretary, wishes to explain that new members of the congregation who have joined this year and who have not yet received their seating assignments will not be given seats until the latter part of the summer.

Mr. Halbren calls the attention of our congregants to the following:

1. It will be next to impossible to find any additional seating on the main floor of the synagogue for the forthcoming fiscal year beginning September 1, 1962. Members of the congregation making requests for additional seating on the main floor are requested to bear in mind the very serious limitation that faces us. As of this writing, we stand committed to find seating for persons who joined our congregation last year and for whom we have not yet been able to assign regular seats for the High Holy Days.
2. Friends or relatives of congregants or some of our new neighbors wishing to join Park Avenue Synagogue, while very welcome, will also find it next to impossible to obtain seating on the main floor of the synagogue.
3. Seating in the mezzanine section of the synagogue, as well as in the balcony directly in back of it, may become available, although here, too, in very limited number.
4. There will be some seats, though not many, available in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Mr. Halbren urges congregants, when making their requests of the executive secretary, to bear in mind the above limitations.

80th Congregational Meeting

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"The Nominating Committee shall at the same time nominate a Chairman of the Board, Vice-Chairman of the Board, President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Associate Treasurer and Secretary. The Nominating Committee shall also at the same time nominate members of the Advisory Council to be elected by the Board of Trustees."

Rabbi Nadich, who installed the officers and members of the Board, stressed the responsibilities with which our leaders are faced in carrying out their duties. In inducting Mr. Joseph Howard Katz into office for the sixth year, Rabbi Nadich referred to the devotion and zeal which characterize the service Mr. Katz has rendered to the synagogue over the years. No task has been too arduous to merit his careful attention.

Mr. Jacob Klein was inducted into his eleventh year as president of the synagogue. Rabbi Nadich spoke of Mr. Klein's love for the congregation and of the many duties he undertakes. In times of joy or sorrow, our president is always on hand to extend a hand of friendship. We all hope that he will carry on his fine work for many years.

Following the meeting, a social hour took place in the Sisterhood Lounge where refreshments were served. Mrs. Harold Osserman, chairman of the meeting, was assisted by the following: from Sisterhood—Mrs. Herman J. Bronstein, Mrs. Jack Hausman and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer; from the Parents Association—Mrs. Robert Altman, Mrs. Sheryl M. Brandt, Mrs. Albert Cornell and Mrs. Jacob L. Oberman; from the Men's Club—Clarence S. Barasch and Harold Tompkins.

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Annual Report of Joseph Howard Katz, Chairman of Board of Trustees Submitted at Congregational Meeting, Sunday Evening, May 6, 1962

This has been a year of celebration in the life of our congregation. We have called upon you, again and again, to come to the synagogue on occasions other than for Friday evening and Saturday morning services, and you have responded faithfully.

For many of you, this has been a full week-end of synagogue attendance. On Friday night, we joined with Hazzan Patterman at the world premiere of the 18th Liturgical Service composed especially for us by Mr. Jan Meyerowitz. We enjoyed a magnificent and uplifting service which combined the melodic influences of the traditional synagogue music with modern interpretative music. Yesterday, you joined in Sabbath worship and listened to the stirring words of Ambassador Eshel as he described the moving history of our brethren in the State of Israel who this week celebrate the 14th anniversary of the birth of the State. And, here you are again tonight, ready to listen to a message of greeting from our president; ready to elect and induct your officers for the coming year, and ready to hear this report about your activities as members of Park Avenue Synagogue during 1961-1962.

You have indeed been subjected to a very heavy schedule this weekend, and I applaud you for carrying on as you do, under the circumstances. It is most gratifying to see so many of you here tonight.

A review of the varied and wide activities of our congregation gives one pleasure, and even a sense of pride in being part of, not an institution, but a vital organ of American Jewry. Five weeks ago, as we gathered in the sanctuary to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the synagogue, I listened to the inspiring words of our Rabbi, to the greetings and messages from our distinguished guests, to the glowing story of our past and to the bright future we face, and I could not help but recall my own experience with the growth of our synagogue during the 25 years that I have been part of this congregation.

As the events of these years flashed before me—the growth of our membership, the increase in the synagogue



Officers of the Board of Trustees, elected at the annual Congregational Meeting, May 6, 1962. Seated from left to right: Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Jacob Klein, Joseph Howard Katz, Saul Godwin. Standing from left to right: Saul Green, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Milton M. Sivek.

activities and interests, our financial stability, the building campaigns, the growth of the school and the personalities who have made their mark on the synagogue—I was struck by the thought: Are we in the great tradition of the Jewish synagogue?

Tonight my report to you on the activities of Park Avenue Synagogue will seek to measure these activities against the criteria of a synagogue as set by the prophets in the early days of the history of our people and as it has developed through the trials and tribulations of Jews in Europe during these past 1500 years. I trust that my friends will forgive me if I repeat an old Talmudic observation often made from this platform which I believe is relevant to the theme of this report.

Traditionally, as you know, wherever our people set up an Ark containing a Torah-scroll there was a synagogue that served three functions:

First, it served as a *Beth HaTefilah*, a *House of Prayer*, where man may pray by himself and also worship with his fellow man.

Second, it was a *Beth Hamidrash*, a

House of Learning, where learning—the highest ideal in Jewish life—was taught to the young and pursued throughout one's life by the adult.

Third, it was a *Beth Ha-Knesset*, a *House of Assembly*, where Jew met Jew and where the social and spiritual needs of the individual were satisfied.

The Pulpit

To fulfill our function here at Park Avenue Synagogue as a House of Prayer, I offer first, our pulpit, headed by our distinguished Rabbi and dear friend, Judah Nadich. His inspirational sermons and his brilliant educational lectures—this year his series on Crises in Jewish History, captured the attention of the women of Sisterhood, and his parish work within the families of our congregation have more than endeared him to all. As he enters his second quarter of a century of service in the rabbinate, and upon the occasion of his having completed five years of outstanding spiritual leadership in our synagogue, we wish him and his dear family good health and ever-growing strength in the service of the entire Jewish people.

We are grateful to our "sweet singer in Israel", Hazzan David J. Putterman for his many years (now 29) of devoted interest in and friendship for so many individual members of the congregation. We take pride in his own contributions to cantorial music here at home and elsewhere and to the encouragement that he has given these many years to outstanding composers who brought their talents to the field of liturgical music.

Hazzan Abraham Friedman has earned the gratitude of all students in our school whom he has helped with *Bar Mitzvah* preparations and of the congregants who have enjoyed his reading of the *Torah* on Sabbath and Festival mornings.

In addition to our distinguished and devoted pulpit, the synagogue criteria of a House of Prayer is achieved as well through the efforts of our laymen.

Daily Minyan

I offer the daily *Minyan*, which has given our congregants and the community an opportunity to worship together and which gives the individual the opportunity to commune with himself during the hustle and bustle of our active society. The success of this project is a tribute to the Men's Club and particularly to its president, L. Chester Glaser.

The Ritual Committee

I offer the Ritual Committee, under the chairmanship of Archie Thurman, which has been guided in its deliberations by tradition, yet reserves for itself to decide how the tradition is to be construed and to what extent it is to be followed. This freedom to accept the tradition and to develop it as part of our modern way of life has made our synagogue a leader in the field of Conservative Judaism.

Recently acting upon the unanimous recommendation of the Ritual Committee, the Board of Trustees approved the introduction of a new Week Day Prayer Book published by the Rabbinical Assembly of America. This Prayer Book is now used at the daily chapel service.

Committee on Conservative Judaism

I offer this committee, under the able leadership of I. B. Oseas, one of our veteran trustees, which has played an important role in the deliberations of the United Synagogue, the lay organization representing Conservative Judaism in America.



Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, reading his annual report. Seated from left to right: Hazzan Abraham Friedman, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Hazzan David J. Putterman, Jacob Klein, Joseph Howard Katz, Rabbi Judah Nadich, Saul Godwin, Milton M. Sivck, Joseph P. Mandelbaum and Martin Leichtling.

In recent years, the United Synagogue of America has moved in the direction of the establishment of centrally controlled standards, some of which we opposed. Mr. Oseas presented our point of view with such clarity and eloquence that the Standards for Synagogue Practice, as adopted by United Synagogue, substantially met the objections raised by our committee and approved by our Board of Trustees.

Here is another example where the lay leadership of the congregation plays a distinctive role in developing the role of the synagogue in the life of the people as a *House of Prayer*.

Seminary Committee

If the Synagogue is to continue to function as a *House of Prayer* (and as a House of Learning), rabbis, hazzanim and teachers must be trained to provide professional leadership for our congregants.

The Jewish Theological Seminary is not only a cultural center for world Jewry, but also provides the facilities for the training of rabbis, cantors and teachers.

The importance of the work of the Seminary and its relationship to the welfare of every individual in the congregation has been and will be again this coming year, the major work of our Seminary Committee under the dynamic leadership of I. M. Cohen and Reuben Kaufman.

I am sure that you will agree with me that through the inspiring activity of our pulpit and the dedication of our lay leadership, we are certainly maintaining a *House of Prayer* at Park Avenue Synagogue.

A House of Learning

Now I come to the second point of our theme. Learning has always been the core of Judaism. One cannot think of a synagogue without picturing little children learning to read the *siddur* or older men studying the words of the Talmud. The synagogue has always been known as a school.

Let me show you how we fulfill the criteria of a *House of Learning* by beginning not as is customary with the education of the young, but with the adult.

Adult Education

Under the chairmanship of Colonel Irvin Waldman, our Adult Education program has been quite successful.

Certainly, the course that I mentioned as having been given by Rabbi Nadich to Sisterhood, and his Friday evening teaching sermons on the Prophets and on the holiday of Passover, were well received by the congregation.

The greatest advance this year, however, was made in the field of the teaching of Hebrew to our adult congregants. We have had and continue to have—five classes in Hebrew; three meeting in the afternoon and two in the evening.

These classes were organized to give twenty sessions of instruction during the year of 1961-1962. As the final class approached in March, the Rabbi, the chairman of the Adult Education Committee and I, as chairman of the Board, were appealed to by the students to continue the instruction. The high calibre of the work and the regularity of the attendance convinced us of the value of the instruction. Consequently, the courses were continued until Passover.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees in April, the level of the instruction and of the accomplishment of the students was presented again, and the Board voted to continue the courses through May.

The success of this program of Hebrew Classes for adults is a tribute to the excellent instruction given by Mrs. Milton Finkel and Dr. Aaron Giat, a member of this congregation.

Youth Activities Program

The program of activities offered by our Youth Activities Committee, chaired by Mrs. Herman Helpert, and by our Director of Activities, Irving Goldberg, and his capable staff, still continues to attract some 200 teen-agers to the Milton Steinberg House every Sunday afternoon.

Here, too, the process of education goes on both directly and indirectly. The U.S.Y. group in our program conducts studies on basic concepts of Jewish living. The non-U.S.Y.'ers learn their Judaism indirectly, whether it be through the observance of a third *Seder*, participation in a dance, (the proceeds of which go to U.J.A.) or in viewing slides on the Chagall windows, or in club discussions of subjects of Jewish interest.

This year the program has added two additional dimensions. It has just organized a pre-teen age program which meets on Saturday afternoons, and has established the beginnings of a Teen-age Synagogue. At the moment, thirty young people have been invited to participate in the Teen-age service which has been meeting once each month in the Appleman Chapel.

We are proud of the efforts of the Youth Program in the direction of making Park Avenue Synagogue a *House of Learning*.

The Religious School

Our Religious School continues to expand its services to the parents and the children and to offer more intensive education in Hebrew language, Jewish living and in Jewish history.

The school has made two major advances in its development this year:

First: the age for admission to the three-day-a-week Hebrew Department has been lowered so that children who are eight and a half years of age now begin their Hebrew schooling at Park Avenue Synagogue. This has many advantages—the children learn their Judaism at an earlier age; their response to language instruction is more



Newly elected members of the Board of Trustees, class of 1965. Seated from left to right: Asa D. Sokolow, Benjamin Gross, Harry Halbren, George L. Armour. Standing from left to right: Israel B. Oseas, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Colonel Irvin Waldman, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Emanuel Hochman. Not shown in the photo: Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel.

eager; they are not as yet overburdened by the work of the secular school, and the pattern for religious instruction becomes part of the child's growth at an early age.

Second: the Milton Steinberg High School of Jewish Studies has met with the approval of both the parents and the nine students from our school who attend. The development of this school will serve the needs of the graduates from our congregational school and the needs of those children of high school age in the community who have had no religious education at all. The school offers a program attractive to both those who seek an intensive Hebrew and Jewish program, and those who need to begin their Jewish education as teen-agers.

The success of our Religious School program is a tribute to: first, an excellent faculty whose dedication and affection for our children is apparent to all who know them; second, to its principal, Martin Leichtling, who has served the school since 1948, and to the leadership of a Religious School Board headed by Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, which has always sought the best for our children.

Library Committee

A most valuable adjunct to our *House of Learning* is our library. The Library Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer,

er. has the good fortune of having the the services of a most diligent and devoted librarian, Mrs. Hilde Kisch.

The use of the library facilities has increased steadily and the many new books that have been added to our library will shortly present us with a delightful problem—a shortage of space.

Tzedakah

If the synagogue is a *House of Prayer* and a *House of Learning*, we can also add to these a concomitant concept—a *House of Tzedakah* or a *House of Charity*.

We are grateful to four committees who have assumed the obligation that "All in Israel are brothers" and have accepted the command, "Thou shalt open thy hand wide unto thy brother, to the poor and needy in the land". (Deut. V: 10,11).

Scholarship Fund Committee

The *Scholarship Fund Committee*, chaired by Mrs. Ezra Cohen, has until recently granted scholarships to deserving students in the Religious School. This year the power of the committee has been widened to include the granting of scholarships in other educational areas as Camp Ramah or the Milton Steinberg High School.

Welfare Committee

The *Welfare Fund* administered by Samuel Lemberg, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Benjamin Sack and Rabbi Na-

dich gives grants-in-aid to needy scholars and students so they may continue their studies.

UJA Drive

The UJA Drive consisting of an appeal at *Yizkor* Services on *Yom Kippur* under the direction of Dr. Harold Osserman has this past year raised the sum of \$35,605.00.

Federation Committee

We Shall Mourn David Picket

At this point in my report, as it was typed by my secretary only a few days ago, I was to add one more concept of *Tzedakah*, the concomitant concept of a House of Prayer and a House of Learning; that is, our Committee of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies under the guidance of David Picket. But the Almighty moves in a mysterious fashion, and on Friday morning of the past week David Picket was laid to his eternal rest. There is nothing I can add to what has already been so beautifully said by our Rabbi at the funeral service. David Picket was a devoted and dedicated colleague, who on this very evening was to have been elected to our Board of Trustees. We shall miss him dearly as a friend and as a co-worker here at Park Avenue Synagogue.

We Shall Mourn Arthur Ochs

No sooner had the news reached our members of David Picket's death than the blow struck again, and we heard of the passing of Arthur Ochs, our honorary trustee. I don't wish to preempt the rabbi who will officiate tomorrow at his funeral service from this synagogue, but I cannot permit this report to omit the name of Arthur Ochs, our colleague and friend, who was a member of our Board of Trustees for more than forty years, a treasurer of the congregation and chairman of the Building Committee which erected this sanctuary in 1928. Arthur Ochs was as much a part of this institution as the building which houses it. Now he, too, is no longer with us. Both of these men, the first of my age group and the other of the generation before us, have left their personalities and the mark of their good deeds on this House of Charity.

We come now to the last of the criteria for a synagogue—a *House of Assembly*. Here we turn in gratitude first to the Arms of the Congregation: Sisterhood, Men's Club, Parents Association and the Mr. and Mrs. Club under the dynamic leadership of their respective presidents, Mrs. Max Zahler, L. Chester Glaser, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan and Andrew Fier. In addition to their

programs of a social nature which have been outstanding this past year, they have eagerly added many programs of a Jewish cultural nature.

I point with pride to a few of these programs:

Sisterhood visited the Jewish Theological Seminary, observed Jewish Book Month, invited three Rebbitzins, including Mrs. Nadich, to participate in a symposium, sponsored an open meeting of Interfaith Neighbors, a film on UJA and has just completed a Bazaar, the proceeds of which go to UJA.

Men's Club presented a short opera on the Levi Yitzhok of Berditchev theme, a Brotherhood Week discussion by representatives of the three major religious groups in which Rabbi Nadich participated, a discussion of the Chagall windows and a visit to the Jewish Museum. Incidentally, we are particularly proud of the fact that the Men's Club won the first prize presented by the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs for the best over-all program of the year.



Mr. Milton M. Sivek, treasurer of the synagogue, greets Mr. Leon Klein, who was the mystery masquerador at the annual Purim party.

Parents Association

Parents Association presented the faculty to the parents, devoted an exciting meeting to the Jewish Theological Seminary and to goals of Jewish education; a description of education in Israel and a talk on the Milton Steinberg High School by its principal.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club

The Mr. and Mrs. Club offered its members an evening with the Rabbi, an evening with the Hazzan and a beautiful art exhibit of superb caliber.

A House of Assembly as busy as ours can function expeditiously only through the efforts of some of the people who make its wheels go smoothly. I offer now:

The Planning Committee

The Planning Committee, under the able leadership of Milton M. Sivek, coordinates all of these events on our synagogue calendar so that there is a minimum of duplication and conflict of dates in programming, and there is a maximum of pleasure derived from all of our activities.

The House Committee

The House Committee, under the chairmanship of Julian Jacobs, helps to keep the buildings available for use at all times. This means transforming the Sisterhood Lounge into a dining area and back as an auditorium within a few hours—turning children's class rooms into adult class rooms; turning this Lemberg Auditorium into a banquet hall for weddings and *Bar Mitzvahs* and then into a Junior Congregation; and back again to a dance floor and meeting area for our teen-agers. This is no insignificant assignment. It takes constant surveillance, attention and dedication.

Arts and Decoration Committee

The Arts and Decorations Committee under the guidance of Mrs. Samuel Lemberg adds those bits of charm and beauty to the synagogue which often go unnoticed, yet which help to make our synagogue the place of beauty that it is. And finally I offer:

The Ushering Committee

The Ushering Committee led by David Altschul has the special task of working with our Ritual Assistant, Harold Glasser, to see that all synagogue functions and religious services run with smoothness and dispatch.

Truly you will agree with me when I say that as modern and as distinctive a synagogue as Park Avenue Synagogue is, it is as old as the first synagogue established by ten Jews in that it offers to its congregants the same services that have been offered through the centuries: *prayer, learning and assembly*.

I must now leave my central theme for tonight—it is always difficult to fit everything into neat little packages—and call to your attention others who have served this congregation most faithfully during the year.

Gifts, Wills and Bequests

This committee under the leadership of Judge Maxwell Shapiro has always said that the effect of its work will not be known for many years to come, but during this last year two bequests to Park Avenue Synagogue were noted in the wills of deceased congregants.

I should like to add here that Milton M. Sivek, our treasurer, was honored by a request from the United Synagogue of America to reprint a series of articles that he had written for our Synagogue Bulletin on "Tax Benefits to Be Derived from Contributions to Religious Institutions". This article was distributed to all conservative congregations in the United States and Canada.

Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee under the able guidance of Saul Godwin, our Vice-Chairman, and Joseph P. Mandelbaum, our Associate Treasurer, have negotiated for and completed the purchase of a third acre of burial rights at Sharon Gardens, Kensico Cemetery.

At the present time, the Committee is discussing plans to submit to our Board a distinctive monument to designate the area as the cemetery grounds of Park Avenue Synagogue.

Law Committee

The Law Committee under Asa D. Sokolow's talented chairmanship has a genuine role at our synagogue. It is always available for interpretation of By Laws, preparation of legal documents, and generally keeps the chairman apprised of any legal problem which may beset the Board.



Asa D. Sokolow, chairman of the Law Committee, reading the proposed amendment to the By-Laws to enable the president of the Men's Club to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Membership Committee

Harry Halbren and his associates on the Membership Committee have done such an excellent job that they are faced with the problem of not having any seats available for prospective members.

For the moment, the major problem of the committee is to find seating for

the High Holy Days for the present membership of our synagogue, and that prospect is slim, indeed.

Frankly, I am impelled to say that perhaps it is all for the best. We have a good sized congregation (over 800 families) and we want to do our best to serve these families. The physical limitation of our Sanctuary is perhaps a blessing in disguise as against the pursuit of large numbers of new members.



Benjamin Sack, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reading the slate of officers and members to be elected to the Board of Trustees. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board, shown seated.

Finance Committee

No report would be complete without mention of the work of the Finance Committee, headed by Benjamin Sack, a distinguished former chairman of our Board of Trustees.

Under his untiring and ever alert leadership, the Board of Trustees transferred some of our resources into the purchase of additional Bonds for Israel.

In his report, Mr. Sack notes that during the last five years, our receipts have increased about 50% and that our budgeted disbursements for the current year were exactly equal to our receipts. This would indicate no expected monetary surplus for the year.

On an overall basis, it would appear accurate to state that the emphasis in our synagogue during the past five years has been in increased services to the congregation with no special emphasis upon the accumulation of assets.

We Are Happy to Report

Several items appeared on the Board's agenda during the past year which de-

serve mention here under the caption of "We are happy to report . . ."

1. This year the synagogue received the largest single gift in the history of our congregation from our dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. Isidore M. Cohen. The gift is \$50,000.00 and it was given for the installation of an air conditioning system in our Sanctuary which, incidentally, is well on its way to being completed. I. M. Cohen is not only one of our leading active trustees, but in the last twenty-five years he has been one of the most generous and liberal benefactors of P.A.S. This air conditioning gift was entirely voluntary and made without solicitation or suggestion of any kind and was given in honor of I. M. Cohen's mother, Mrs. Joseph H. Cohen, who recently celebrated her 85th birthday. We are deeply grateful to all the Cohens for their generosity and their many good deeds.

2. We have recently given out a contract to install a new sound system in the main Sanctuary, which of course will be tied in with the Choir loft and will feed into the Lemberg Auditorium. It will be a two way system which we hope will iron out some of the difficulties which prevail during the High Holy Day services.

3. We have also given out a contract to install railings of beautiful brass and mahogany on either side of the pulpit in the Sanctuary, thereby solving the problem of helping people onto and off the pulpit.

4. Several meetings were held early in the spring by the Arts and Decorations Committee with a view to redecorating this Auditorium. We hope that, upon the return of Mrs. Samuel Lemberg from her trip abroad, the meetings will be resumed and some definitive action in this matter will be taken before the end of the summer.

5. One of the important changes or additions, if you will, which occurred during this year was not an inanimate one, but very much a live one. We were delighted and gratified to have been able to obtain the services of Mr. Martin Leichtling as Executive Secretary upon the resignation of Sidney R. Katz. Mr. Leichtling during this year has been temporarily carrying on the burden of Principal of the School as well as his duties as Executive Secretary. Before long, however, we hope once again to separate the two positions, and I am sure you will be hearing more about this shortly.

I cannot conclude this report without expressing our sincerest thanks to the following:

To *Martin Leichtling* with whom I have been in daily communication at the Synagogue office and at his home, and without whose assistance and co-operation we could not have hurdled the problems which beset us. Martin has a multitude of operations to perform and scores of phone calls to make during the day and night. During this trying year, he has given evidence of his extraordinary talent and his unselfish devotion and dedication to our synagogue. I am indeed grateful to him.

To *Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg* who, among so many assignments given her during the year, has also maintained our Bulletin on a most professional level and has made it one of the outstanding publications of its kind in the country.

I am particularly grateful to *Mrs. Robert Altman* who was Chairman of the *Simhat Torah* Reception Committee; to *Mrs. Isidore Hahn* and *Mrs. Louis Hershey*, who were always available to supervise the serving of refreshments at every Friday night *Oneg Shabbat*; to *Mrs. Milton Heller*, who in addition to supervising the sale of religious items as Sisterhood's designee, was also chairman of the *Sukkah* Committee; to *Mrs. Harold Osserman*, who chaired the reception at the 25th Ordination Service of Rabbi Nadich; to *Mrs. Solomon E. Green*, who chaired the reception in honor of new members; to *Dr. Julius Leichtling*, who was chairman of the *Hanukkah* Dance party; to *Mrs. Adolph Stangel*, who chaired the *Purim* party; to *Mrs. Milton M. Sivek*, who decorated the Lemberg Auditorium on the occasion of the New Members' party and the Congregational *Seder*, and finally to *Dr. Milton Helpern*, who was the chairman of the 80th Anniversary Service.

I am grateful to our beloved president, *Jacob Klein*, for all his parish endeavors, his correspondence and communications with our congregants during the year, even though they sometimes meant personal and family sacrifice.

To our Vice-Chairman, *Saul Godwin*, who with dedication and trust has always carried out assignments given to him with alacrity and dispatch and who was most cooperative in substituting for me at the last moment in chairing several meetings of the Board of Trustees.

To our first Vice-President, *Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer*, who likewise has always accepted assignments without question and who has helped grace our pulpit on many Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

To our second Vice-President, *Solomon E. Green*, who during the entire summer months, at personal sacrifice of foregoing weekends in the country as well as at the seashore, has graced our pulpit and helped to conduct the services in our Appleman Chapel together with Hazzan Friedman.

To our treasurer and associate treasurer, *Milton M. Sivek* and *Joseph P. Mandelbaum*, who have always made themselves available at the synagogue office to help carry out our financial program in addition to so many other assignments which they voluntarily accept during the year.

To all the members of our Board of Trustees and Advisory Council, to the heads of the Arms of the Synagogue, to the Chairman of all standing Committees and Special Committees, and to all of our congregants who responded when called upon for service.

And now may I ask you whose names I will call to rise and acknowledge your applause in the order of appearance in this report:

Rabbi Judah Nadich, Hazzan David J. Putterman—Joshua Adam's Grandpa, Hazzan Abraham Friedman, Archie I. Thurman, I. B. Oseas, I. M. Cohen, Reuben Kaufman, Colonel Irvin Waldman, Mrs. Milton Finkel, Dr. Aaron Giat, Mrs. Herman Helpern, Irving Goldberg, Mrs. Sigmund Siegel, Mrs. Hilde Kisch, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Mrs. Ezra Cohen, Samuel Lemberg, Dr. Harold A. Osserman, Mrs. Max Zahler, L. Chester Glaser, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, Andrew Fier, Milton M. Sivek, Julian Jacobs, Mrs. Samuel Lemberg, David Altschul, Harold Glasser, Judge Maxwell Shapiro, Harry Halbren, Asa D. Sokolow, Benjamin Sack, Martin Leichtling, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg, Mrs. Robert Altman, Mrs. Isidore Hahn, Mrs. Louis Hershey, Mrs. Milton Heller, Mrs. Harold A. Osserman, Mrs. Solomon E. Green, Dr. Julius Leichtling, Mrs. Milton M. Sivek, Dr. Milton Helpern, Jacob Klein, Saul Godwin, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Solomon E. Green, Milton M. Sivek, Joseph P. Mandelbaum.

Yesterday, during services, I thumbed through our Sabbath Prayer Book: my eyes alighted on A Prayer for Divine Guidance, which incidentally, the editor's note points out comes from the Prayer Book of the West London Synagogue. So, with apologies for the liberty I have taken with the prayer, I leave this thought with you:

"Be with us O God during the coming year. Teach us to do Thy will and make us brave in performing it. Help us to overcome our failings and forgetfulness of Thee. Help us in the daily work of this great congregation of families known as Park Avenue Synagogue which indeed is in the tradition of a *Beth HaTefilah*, *Beth Hamidrash* and *Beth HaKnesset*. Help us so that we may live by it, making it the source of our ennoblement and the instrument of higher life."

— Joseph Howard Katz
Chairman, Board of Trustees

We Take Pride In Our Members...

Mr. Charles Bennet, who was re-elected president of the New York Metropolitan Region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

Dr. Milton Helpern, whose friends have founded the Milton Helpern Library of Legal Medicine upon the occasion of his 60th birthday. The founding of the library was marked on April 17, 1962 with a reception in his honor.

The Honorable Simon H. Rifkind, who recently submitted a report to President Kennedy from the Presidential Railroad Commission of which Judge Rifkind is chairman.

Dr. Jonathan Uhr, who has been appointed the first director of the Irvington House Institute for Rheumatic Fever and Allied Diseases. In 1961, he was awarded a Commonwealth Fund grant for work in Australia and a Development Fellowship by the U.S. Public Health Service.

Mr. Sidney L. Wolkenberg, who has been selected "Man of the Year" by the New York Agency of the Union Central Life Insurance Company for his distinguished record of achievement.

Mr. Irving Mitchell Felt, who has become the chairman of the New York Ranger's Board of Directors and chief executive officer of the club.

Address by Jacob Klein upon His Induction As President for The Eleventh Term

Thank you, Rabbi Nadich, for your beautiful remarks. Even though I don't deserve them, it was good to hear you say them. An ounce of taffy is worth a ton of epitaph!

Tonight I have completed ten years of service as your president, and it seems as though I were elected yesterday for the first term. I am deeply honored to be re-elected, and have been and still am happy to have the honor of serving you. I hope that you have been happy with my service in this high office, but now I should say "Dayenu". It is not good for the morale of any organization to continue any officer or trustee in office for ten years. Some younger person should be encouraged to receive that honor.

You have heard the report of the chairman of the Board and the condensed reports of the chairman of the several committees, who, together with the Board of Trustees, conduct the affairs of the synagogue and keep it in operation. This is really a stupendous task that these ladies and gentlemen perform, unselfishly and without any thought of material reward. These services are priceless and cannot be bought or paid for by the congregation. Their reward must come from on High.

On the other hand, your president's duties as defined by the By-Laws are: "to preside at all religious affairs of the Congregation". I am not certain just what that means. I think the average person would say that it means that the president should sit on the pulpit at every religious service to be gazed upon by his fellow congregants. At the same time he is supposed to gaze at them. If my explanation is correct, it reduces the office of president to the figure of an ossified mummy for the edification of the curious.

In spite of this, your president has, of his own accord and with the tacit approval of the Board of Trustees, assumed many duties, which he considered to be for the good and welfare of the congregation. I have found these duties very pleasant and most appreciated by our congregants.

One of these duties, that of visiting the sick, calls to mind my first visit to the hospital, where one of our lady members was confined. She was a middle-aged woman, who was to be discharged from the hospital in a few days.



Rabbi Judah Nadich (right) shown inducting Jacob Klein into office as president for the eleventh year.

Having made up my mind to be as cheerful as I could, I said, in as pleasant a manner as possible: "Well, you will be out of here in a few days." From the look of chagrin on her face, I realized that there could be another meaning to my remark so I quickly added, "I mean you will be home in a few days." That brought a smile to her face. Since then I have been doubly careful as to what I say.

I don't know who said it, but the following proves how careful we must be in what we say. "The boneless tongue, so small and weak, can crush and kill, declares the Greek!"

In yesterday's scriptural portion, read in the synagogue, God said to Moses: "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel and say unto them: 'Ye shall be holy for I, the Lord your God, am holy.'"

I have read this paragraph hundreds of times, and have repeated the word "holy" thousands of times, when we say: "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts, the whole earth is full of His Glory!"

Well, it is my idea that to be holy, one must combine all the qualities that go to make a perfect man. Since we consider God perfect, in order to meet His standards, we should be good, kind, generous, honorable, honest, gracious and full of love for our fellow man. This is my own conception, but of course, I don't know whether Rabbi Nadich will agree with it. However, I heard Rabbi Nadich, in a sermon a

Seminary Awards Degree To Judge Kaufman

At the forthcoming commencement exercises of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America on June 3, an honorary degree will be conferred upon Judge Irving Kaufman, judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Judge Kaufman is a distinguished member of Park Avenue Synagogue, and the congregation extends its heartiest congratulations for this great honor bestowed upon him by the mother institution of Conservative Judaism.

Men's Club Wins Award

Congratulations to the Men's Club for having received the Torch award in the category of "Best Over-all Program" given annually by the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs at their national convention.

This fine honor was given as a result of the decision of a committee who judged entries submitted by 350 clubs in the United States and Canada. Park Avenue Synagogue takes pride in this achievement awarded because of the varied, cultural and entertaining program presented by the Men's Club during the year.

— RMR

few weeks ago, say that God and we are partners and that God needs us as partners. If we are, we must live up to His standards of justice, loving kindness, honor and honesty.

And that reminds me of the following story: A farmer had a large tract of 50 acres of ground—half of which he cultivated and on which he raised crops of all kinds. The other half was covered with stones, stumps of trees and refuse. In time, the farmer removed all the rubbish from this part of his land, and tilled the soil and planted seeds. Finally he reaped the result of his hard work—fruits and vegetables.

Two years later on a Sunday, the farmer was surveying his entire field when the minister of the church came along. Seeing his beautiful field, he said: "Sam, you and God did a wonderful job here." "Yes," said Sam, "but you should have seen this when God worked it by Himself!" Moral—God needs you and you need God.

In closing, I want to thank you again for the honor bestowed on me, in electing me your president for the eleventh time. May God bless you all!

— Jacob Klein, president

A Tribute to Arthur Ochs

In an issue of the Bulletin of 1959, the late Nelson Ruttenberg, the editor at that time, wrote a tribute to Arthur Ochs, which we think merits re-printing upon the unhappy occasion of Arthur's passing on May 4, 1962. The article was written as a tribute to Arthur upon his being named as an honorary trustee of the synagogue by the Board of Trustees.

Arthur Ochs

Our by-laws provide that any member of the Board of Trustees, "who has rendered conspicuous service to the synagogue", may be elected an honorary trustee.

But how does one evaluate "conspicuous service?" Is it to be measured by the publicity one attains or the public attention one attracts? Unfortunately, there are some people who would apply such a yardstick. But there is a kind of service that is just as notable, just as eminent, just as prominent, and regarded by many others just as conspicuous in every sense of the word.

That describes the kind of service rendered by Arthur Ochs to the Park Avenue Synagogue for a period covering more than three decades.

When many of us speak of the Park Avenue Synagogue, we think of the congregation that occupies our present house of worship. However, our congregation even under its present name of Park Avenue Synagogue started before that time. In 1921, Congregation Beth Israel Bickur Cholim affiliated with Congregation Agudath Jeshorim, which then worshipped in the temple on East 86th Street. The name of Agudath Jeshorim was changed in 1923 to the Park Avenue Synagogue.

At that time, Arthur Ochs was a member of the Board of Trustees of that congregation, so that his services as a member of our Board cover a span of at least thirty-six years.

When the property that now houses our congregation was purchased in 1925, Arthur Ochs served as chairman of the building committee that undertook the erection of our beautiful synagogue.

There are still some of us who recall the depression days of the early thirties, but we usually associate that depression with its effect on individuals. Institutions, however, were also sorely hit by that depression and Park Avenue Synagogue was not immune. It, too, had its financial problems, and in solving them,

Sisterhood News

On May 15, Sisterhood held its final meeting of the current season. The annual birthday party was a delightfully gay affair well attended and most enjoyable. "Music Can Be Fun" was presented and several selections were played on two pianos by a piano ensemble, conducted by Maude Goldberg, who also acted as narrator.

Following the luncheon, the officers and members of the Board of Directors were elected and then installed into office by Rabbi Judah Nadich.

Theater-Brunch Party—Nov. 28

Sisterhood is happy to announce that "Mr. President" has been chosen for its annual brunch and theater party to be held on Wednesday, November 28. A musical comedy written by Lindsay and Crouse, "Mr. President" will be directed by Joshua Logan. Irving Berlin has written the score and music. We are certain that you will want to reserve the date and plan to join your friends on this gala occasion.

Chairman of the Theatre-Brunch Party is Mrs. Herman Bronstein; co-chairman, Mrs. Jacob Leiman.

Visit to Jewish Blind

On Tuesday, May 22, Sisterhood will hold its annual party at the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind in Yonkers. Those who wish to join the group going to Yonkers, please phone Mrs. Alfred Luebeck, AT 9-2576.

Artie Ochs played an important part, particularly with the banking institution that held the mortgage on our building. In fact, no financial situation affecting our synagogue escaped Artie's attention, either as assistant treasurer or treasurer, posts he held continuously from 1941 to 1955, when he relinquished his arduous duties as treasurer.

During the campaign to raise funds for the Milton Steinberg Memorial Fund for the construction of the Milton Steinberg House, named in memory of our late beloved Rabbi, Arthur Ochs also served as treasurer of that Fund.

Arthur Ochs was an integral part of Park Avenue Synagogue and his name is associated with its glorious history. Few members of our congregation have rendered such devoted and loyal service; without ostentation, without public fanfare, and always with but one aim—the good of Park Avenue Synagogue. He was truly a dedicated and devoted member of our congregation.

Registration For Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School

Who May Enroll?

The Primary Department will accept all children from kindergarten age through the third grade of elementary school.

The Hebrew Department will accept all children who will be nine years old by April 1, 1963.

Children of non-members may be enrolled in the school.

What courses will be offered?

The Primary Department aims to familiarize the child with Judaism; its holidays, its heroes, its customs and ceremonies. It seeks to encourage pleasurable experiences in Jewish living.

The Hebrew Department prepares the child for an active and constructive participation in Jewish life. Instruction in Hebrew, Bible, history, customs and ceremonies and religious worship in the Junior Congregation develop in the child an understanding of the religious concepts, the ethical values and the ritual forms of Judaism.

When Will the School be in Session?

The Primary Department meets on Sunday morning from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The Hebrew Department meets on two mid-week afternoons and on Saturday mornings. There are two classes on each grade of study—one class meeting from 3:40 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the other from 5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. Saturday classes meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where will the School Conduct Classes?

The Religious School—Primary and Hebrew Department—meets in the Milton Steinberg Building, 50 East 87 Street.

How May I Enroll?

Students may apply for September admission at the Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School Office on weekdays between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. Application may also be made by telephoning EN 9-2600.

— Martin Leichtling

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Men's Club News

Election-Dinner May 22

The annual Men's Club Election-Dinner meeting will take place on Tuesday evening, May 22, 1962. The customary cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. to allow time for those who wish to attend the chapel service at 5:45 p.m. This will be followed by the traditional Smorgasbord to be served at 7:30. The invocation will be given by the president of the synagogue, Mr. Jacob Klein; grace by Hazzan David J. Putterman.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Harvey Glasser, will present the official slate of officers and directors. Following their election, they will be inducted into office by Rabbi Judah Nadich.

In addition to the presentation of awards and citations, there will be a special feature presentation which has been planned by the Program Committee.

If any member has not made his reservation, he should contact Mr. Archie Richman through the synagogue office immediately.

Ladies Night

The Men's Club Ladies Night of 1962 is now history—and, judging from reports, this year's affair was more glorious than ever. The walls of 50 East, usually known as the Lemberg Auditorium, bulged with a capacity attendance. The committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Albert Siegel, and his co-chairman, Mr. Archie Richman, deserve a vote of thanks for making the occasion one that will long be remembered as one of the gayest evenings ever held at Park Avenue Synagogue.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

Do-It-Yourself Text For Hebrew Beginners

A new Hebrew textbook for adult beginners who wish to learn Hebrew without the help of a teacher has been published by the Jewish Agency. It contains 72 lessons with notes, idiomatic and grammatical explanation of the Hebrew text. A review follows every six lessons.

The name of the textbook is *MORI* (My Teacher) by L. I. Riklis. The price of the book is three dollars, and it may be ordered directly from the Publications Department, Jewish Agency, 515 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

Rare Silver Articles Presented to Synagogue By Judge and Mrs. Geller

Hon. Abraham N. Geller, a trustee of Park Avenue Synagogue, and Mrs. Geller have presented the synagogue with several exquisite silver articles.

Among these is a silver *Hanukkah* oil lamp of the early 20th century made originally by a Polish silversmith. A *Hanukkah* lamp made in Italy in the early 18th century is of unusual interest because of its intricate design and fascinating filigree work. Two spice boxes of the 19th century, one with minute flags, complete the collection.

Judge and Mrs. Geller have given the synagogue rare silver articles on other occasions. Among these is a silver Torah pointer, a repousse, tall spice box and a filigree spice box, tower form, with a square body and a steeple pierced with filigree design.

Park Avenue Synagogue expresses its appreciation to Judge and Mrs. Geller for these beautiful gifts.

— RMR

Jewish College Group To Hold June Encampment

It will be of interest to our college students and to our high school seniors graduating from high school this term to know that the second National Encampment of *Atid* will take place from June 10 to 17 at Camp Hadar in Clinton, Connecticut.

Atid is the college-age organization of the United Synagogue of America, the national body of congregations of Conservative Judaism. The word "*Atid*" itself means "future" in Hebrew.

The eight days of the Encampment are spent in discussion and in athletic and social activities. The theme of this year's Encampment is "Our Biblical Heritage". Among the lecturers will be Dr. Simon Greenberg, Vice-Chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The fee for the eight days will be \$52.

College students or high school seniors interested in attending the Encampment or in securing further information are asked to communicate either with Mr. Irving Goldberg, Youth Director at Park Avenue Synagogue, or with Mrs. Herman G. Helpert, chairman of the Youth Activities Committee of the synagogue.

Parents Association

Open Meeting—May 23

The Parents Association is proud to announce that Rabbi Paul Ritterband, principal of the Milton Steinberg Central High School for Jewish Studies, which graduates from the Religious Schools of Park Avenue Synagogue, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and the Society for the Advancement of Judaism are eligible to attend, will be the guest speaker at our Open Meeting on May 23 to be held in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Rabbi Ritterband will discuss how religious education helps the Jewish child adjust to his Jewish identity. This subject is close to the heart of all parents whose children attend our religious school and of equal interest to those in our congregation who are aware of the vital role that the religious school plays in our children's lives. A question and answer period will follow the Rabbi's informative talk, and refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Elections

On May 23, at the final Open Meeting of the Parents Association, the slate of officers for the year 1962-1963 will be presented. The list of those elected will appear in a subsequent issue of the Bulletin.

The final issue of the Parents Association Newsletter, *Shalom*, will be mailed in June. The festival of *Shavuot*, the Feast of Weeks, will be the theme of this edition. The paper will include instructions which should be helpful to the Jewish mother in her home preparations for this holiday.

— Abby Kirsch

Shavuot Holidays On June 8 and 9

Although there will be another issue of the Bulletin before the festival of *Shavuot* to give the schedule of the services for the holiday, it would not be amiss now to remind our worshippers that the Feast of Weeks occurs on Friday, June 8, and Saturday, June 9, beginning with the 5:45 p.m. evening service on Thursday, June 7, 1962.

The morning service on Friday, June 8, will feature graduation and confirmation for students of our Religious School. The Saturday morning service of June 9 will include the *Yizkor* memorial prayers.

Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund

Recent contributions to our Welfare Fund have included the following:

Herman Belth, in appreciation "of the abundance of spiritual pleasure the rabbi and cantor have given me these many months"; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Brenner in honor of their first wedding anniversary and in appreciation for the *aliyah* on that occasion; Ceil K. Broder, for the Passover Fund; Mrs. Henry Bischofsheimer, in honor of her 80th birthday; Alfred M. Erlich; Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Krinsky "for the Matzoh Fund"; David J. Mendelsohn; Dr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Oberman, for the Matzah fund in honor of Elissa and Jonathan; Oscar S. Rosner in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the founding of the synagogue; Edward J. Sack in memory of his mother, Rose Sack; Mrs. Harold Schneider on the *yahrzeit* of her sister, Rose Sack.

Park Avenue Synagogue expresses its appreciation for these gifts.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Barkin upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brody upon the birth of a granddaughter.

Dr. Herbert Cooperman upon the birth of a granddaughter, Florence Rachel; Mrs. Rose Lustig upon the birth of a great granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Manny E. Duell upon the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hochstein upon the engagement of their daughter, Deborah to Dr. William Bernard Bernstein.

Hazzan David J. Putterman upon the birth of a grandson, Joshua Adam. The happy parents are Carol and Alan Putterman.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Starr upon their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbot A. Weisbord upon the engagement of their son, Jeffrey David, to Louise Ellen Gratz.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Winston upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

UJA Women's Division

The Silent Exodus

The great silent exodus of 1962 continues...with un-numbered thousands of human beings moving quietly to Israel, the United States and other lands around the earth. They travel in broad daylight, yet they are surrounded by silence...because silence is the price of their survival.

For this reason, one of the most urgent campaigns in the history of the UNITED JEWISH APPEAL is being waged on a person-to-person basis.

This is our most urgent task of the moment—to tell the story of silent exodus, of the tremendous needs that must be met to provide lives of freedom and dignity to the heroic refugees. The courage of our fellow Jews who are caught up in this historic march to safety and liberty must be met with a generous outpouring of contributions from the American Jewish Community.

Our Park Avenue Sisterhood has always set a high standard of giving. This year, because of UJA's greatly increased needs, we must surpass our own record of generosity. Give to UJA's General Campaign to sustain lives throughout the world. Then give again to the Women's Division Opportunity Fund for Mental Health.

Chairman of the Sisterhood division of UJA, Mrs. Richard Rudell, and chairman of the Parents Association division, Mrs. Albert Cornell, urge those who have not yet contributed to this very worthy cause, to send their contributions as soon as possible.

— Freda Sack

Marriage Counseling Service at Seminary

Conservative Judaism is putting an unusual combination of religion, psychology and psychiatry to work in healing potential broken marriages. A counseling service has been established under the joint sponsorship of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America and the Rabbinical Seminary of America, the twin rocks of Conservative Judaism in the United States.

A couple with a marital problem may first call upon their own rabbi who, if he deems it advisable, will refer the couple to the marriage counseling service. The latter has on its staff marriage counselors and psychiatrists and rabbis.

Condolences

Mrs. Lawrence J. Beecher upon the death of her mother, Fannie Gottlieb.

Mrs. Charles Bennet upon the death of her brother, William Berns; Mrs. Milly Berenstein upon the death of her son.

Mr. Joseph Block upon the death of his brother, Irving.

Mr. Harry A. Cohen upon the death of his brother, B. David Cagen.

Mr. Emil Forster and Dr. Alexander Forster upon the death of their mother, Regina Forster.

Mrs. Emil Forster upon the death of her sister, Ruth Tornow.

Mr. Irving Geist upon the death of his brother, Bernard.

Mr. Irving Kornblau upon the death of his brother, Samuel.

Mrs. Arthur Ochs upon the death of her husband.

Mrs. David Picket upon the death of her husband; Mrs. Sarah Picket upon the death of her son.

Mr. Milton Selig upon the death of his mother, Katie Selig.

Mrs. Milton Weill upon the death of her sister, Freda Taub.

Mrs. Milton Zeitz upon the death of her husband; Mr. Fred Zeitz and Mr. Harry Zeitz upon the death of their brother.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)
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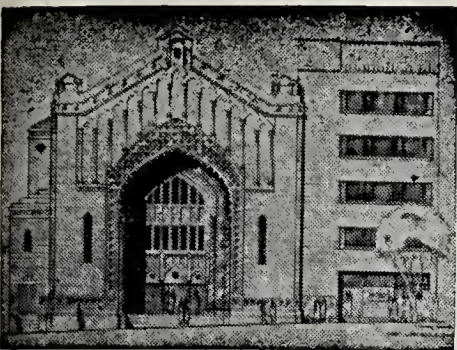
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Graduation - Confirmation Service on First Day of Shavuot, June 8

Version of Cantata "Shalom" Presented by Graduates And Confirmands

Youth Leadership Award Will Be Given to Outstanding Student

*Rabbi and Mrs. Judah Nadich will be at home
on Saturday afternoon, June 9, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.
for a reception in honor of the members of the
Graduation and Confirmation Classes and their parents.*

993 Park Avenue
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Schedule of Religious Services

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Thursday evening, June 75:45 p.m.
Friday morning, June 89:30 a.m.
The CONFIRMATION and GRADUATION SERVICE

Friday evening, June 85:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, June 99:30 a.m.
The Yizkor Memorial Prayers will be read

Friday evening, June 155:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, June 169:30 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Fred Allan Kelemen
son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kelemen

Friday evening, June 225:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, June 239:30 a.m.
Friday evening, June 295:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, June 309:30 a.m.

*Rabbi Nadich will preach at all Saturday and festival morning services
and will conduct the services together with Hazzan David J. Putterman
assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

SABBATH SERVICES during JULY AND AUGUST
in the air-conditioned APPLEMAN CHAPEL
Every FRIDAY at 5:45 P.M. and SATURDAY at 10:00 A.M.

Daily services throughout the summer at 5:45 P.M.

The Graduation-Confirmation Service, one of the most beautiful services to be held at the synagogue, will take place on the first day of *Shavuot*, June 8, 1962. The religious service will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with George Crook at the organ.

The following students are to be awarded diplomas upon their graduation from the Hebrew Department: Philip Engelhardt, Lawrence S. Zacharias and Peter M. Zimmerman. Certificates of Confirmation will be granted to each of the following: Suzanne Dorothy Bukantz, Jacqueline E. Forster, Esta Jackel, James Kahn-Druckman, Carol Sue Kapner, Caryn Kelman, Jeffrey Sokolow, Martin Stern and Peter Max Zimmerman.

"Shalom to be Presented

The members of the class will read from the Scriptures, give an explanation of their readings and lead the congregation in prayer. As a joint effort, the confirmands and graduates will present a version of the cantata, "Shalom", directed by our music instructor, Mrs. Leah Abrams. Rabbi Nadich will deliver a message to the confirmands.

Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the School Board, will present the confirmands with their diplomas and, on behalf of Sisterhood, will give each girl a Bible and each boy a book of his choice. In addition, a "friend of the Religious School" will present each confirmand with a subscription to the Jewish Publication Society.

The Youth Leadership Award, annually sponsored by Men's Club, will be presented by Mr. L. Chester Glaser, chairman of the Cultural and Religious Affairs Committee. The award, a sterling

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Daily Chapel Services Continue at 5:45 P. M. During Entire Summer

And again we repeat: Man has made seasons for fishing, and man has made seasons for hunting, and man has made seasons for other activities. *Surely, that there can be no season for religion is obvious!* Therefore, as it did during the past summers, the daily chapel service will again this year continue during the entire summer. Thus, at all times throughout the year, which includes the summer months, members of our synagogue, as well as bereaved strangers, can attend our house of worship should occasion arise when they have need to recite the traditional *Kaddish* or recite a *Yahrzeit* for their departed loved ones and they will find at such service a *Minyan* present.

We are concluding our fourth year of sustained daily chapel service. It behooves every member of the synagogue to contribute to the continued success of the *Minyan* project by attending the chapel service once each month (twice each month during the summer) in response to the reminder card of his scheduled attendance. And to those gentlemen who are not on scheduled attendance, we especially urge you to make it a point to attend chapel service once and, if possible, twice each month during July, August and September and thus share in the merit of this sacred *Minyan* project (daily *Minyan*—Evening Chapel Service—one-half hour).

By attending such service, one discovers that this brief period of prayer and contemplation, coming at the end of a busy and tension-laden day at the office, serves to clear the cobwebs in the mind, to lift the spirit and to gather inner reinvigoration. One further discovers that the purposes, issues and values of life are seen in a clearer light. One learns also to develop a sense of mystery, awe and wonder that lends appreciation for the many blessings that make life more meaningful.

The continued success of the *Minyan* project will always bring meaningful credit to those who support it by their chapel service attendance and everlasting glory to our beloved Park Avenue Synagogue.

— L. Chester Glaser,
Chairman, *Minyan* Project

Rabbi Nadich Re-elected To National Post

Rabbi Nadich has recently been re-elected as a vice-president of the Jewish Braille Institute of America, an organization serving the religious and cultural needs of the Jewish blind throughout the country. Located at 48 East 74th Street, the Institute is endorsed by the national Sisterhood organizations of the Conservative, Reform and Orthodox groups. Among its many achievements are translations of the Jewish prayer books, Scriptures and other classical and contemporary works of Jewish culture into Braille, the publication of a regular Braille magazine, the creating of "talking books", the planning of religious education for blind Jewish children, and their preparation for *Bar Mitzvah* and *Bat Mitzvah* and confirmation. In addition, the Institute operates a large lending library and maintains a library at its national headquarters for use by blind students.

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Tape Recording Presented to Synagogue By Mr. and Mrs. Shapiro

The congregation is indeed grateful to Mr. and Mrs. George M. Shapiro for a magnificent gift of a complete library of tape recordings of our Friday evening services for the season, 1961-1962, and of the holiday and Sabbath morning services for the same liturgical year. Not only has Mr. Shapiro assumed the cost of these tapes, but he has personally supervised the recordings throughout the year.

For this valuable, ageless gift, Park Avenue Synagogue expresses its warmest appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Shapiro.
— RMR

Sabbath Services During The Summer

For the remainder of the month of June, Sabbath services will continue to be held in the Main Synagogue on each Friday at 5:45 p.m. and each Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Nadich preaches each Sabbath morning, and Hazzan David J. Putterman and the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ present the music of the Friday evening and Saturday morning services.

During July and August, the Friday evening service at 5:45 p.m. and the Saturday morning service with the time changed to 10:00 a.m. are held in the air conditioned Appleman Chapel. Hazzan Abraham Friedman officiates together with one or more of our lay leaders.

All of our members and friends who will be in New York during the summer are cordially invited to attend these Sabbath services. In addition to our own people, they will frequently find tourists from all parts of the country and, indeed, from many foreign parts of the world.

Graduation-Confirmation Service

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silver medal and a certificate, will be given to the graduate who has demonstrated the greatest aptitude for leadership in Jewish life.

Following the service, a reception tendered by the synagogue will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium. Mrs. Albert Cornell, chairman of Class Mothers, with the assistance of the mothers of the students in Grade Four of the Religious School, will be in charge of arrangements.

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Birthday Celebrated At Sabbath Kiddush

On Saturday morning, May 5, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz sponsored a *kiddush* in the Lemberg Auditorium in honor of Mr. Katz's birthday. All who attended the service were invited to join in the *kiddush* and incidently to greet Ambassador Arie Eshel, who was the guest speaker at the Sabbath morning service dedicated to the celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel.

We congratulate Mr. Katz on his birthday and wish to express our appreciation for the delightful *kiddush* which he and Mrs. Katz arranged. A charming way to celebrate a happy occasion!

Men's Club News

Election-Dinner Meeting

The annual Men's Club Election-Dinner meeting took place on Tuesday evening, May 22, in the Lemberg Auditorium. The cocktail hour was followed by the traditional Smorgasbord after the invocation given by the president of the synagogue, Mr. Jacob Klein. Grace was said by Hazzan Abraham Friedman.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Harvey Glasser, presented the slate of officers and directors for the coming year. These gentlemen, whose names appear in another column of the Bulletin, were unanimously elected and then inducted into office by Rabbi Judah Nadich.

Mr. Harry A. Dubin, a former president of the Men's Club, acted as toastmaster throughout the evening. Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel, also a past president of the Club, presented Mr. L. Chester Glaser, the out-going president, with a gift as a tribute to Mr. Glaser's service and devotion to the Men's Club.

Bill Sands of the Phil Silver TV show entertained the guests with humorous stories and added merriment to the evening's festivities.

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Sisterhood Presented Award of Merit by UJA



From left to right: Mrs. Joel Levitt, co-chairman of UJA Sisterhood Division, displays the "Award of Merit", Mrs. Max Zahler, president of Sisterhood, and Mrs. Francis J. Bloustein, chairman of the Women's Division of UJA.

Sisterhood is proud to announce that she has been awarded the "Award of Merit" presented by the Women's Division of UJA at the Park Avenue Sisterhood Bazaar. The award reads in part: "The Sisterhood of Park Avenue Synagogue, a leader in humanitarian endeavor whose dedication to the ideals of philanthropy has helped make it possible for the United Jewish Appeal to bring blessings of life, freedom and dignity to victims of oppressions around the world."

Chairman of the Bazaar, Mrs. Joel Levitt, was ably assisted by Mrs. Mack H. Fieber and Mrs. Aaron Schoenbaum, co-chairmen. Mrs. Julius J. Leichtling was in charge of the cocktail hour. In charge of the collections was Mrs. Nathan Levine; booth arrangements were directed by Mrs. Harold H. Levin. Mrs. Paul Bercu and Mrs. Mortimer Millheiser served as treasurers. Mrs. David Altschul was in charge of publicity. The delicious dinner and luncheon were served by members of Sisterhood under the direction of Mrs. Harold A. Osserman and Mrs. Jacob Starr.

In charge of arrangements for the trip to Bermuda was Mrs. Jack Boneparth. Over-all workers who gave untiringly of themselves were Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Committee members included Mrs. Charles Bennet, Mrs. Herman Bronstein, Mrs. Della Cohen, Mrs. Albert Conway, Mrs. Edwin Davidson, Mrs. Harry A. Dubin, Mrs. Morris Edelman, Mrs. Louis Greenstein, Mrs. Milton Heller, Mrs. Louis Hershey, Mrs. Alfred Luebeck, Mrs. Heyman Robins, Mrs. Dina Rosenbusch, Mrs. Nathan Rosenthal and Mrs. Edith Stich.

— RMR

Books at a Glance

A selection of recent acquisitions by the Cohen Library:

Moses Rischin, *The Promised City. New York Jews 1870-1914*. This book portrays the rapid development of our great metropolis with all its shortcomings in communal responsibilities at the end of the nineteenth century: the influx of East European Jews; their slow and painful adjustment to new living conditions; the development of a new group consciousness on their part, and beneficial reforms in the life of the city.

Leon Stein, *The Triangle Fire*. This is the exciting story of the flaming catastrophe in one of the garment district factories of New York, in which many Jewish workers were among those killed. Stirring the conscience of the whole nation, it brought about new legislation for the protection of working people.

Katherine Ann Porter, *Ship of Fools*. A best-seller novel.

Joshua S. Sperka, *Eternal Life. A Digest of All Jewish Laws of Mourning*.

Sam Waagenaar, *Women of Israel*. Containing more than a hundred photographs, this book gives us a picture of Israeli women in all walks of life: young and old ones at work and play, sabras and refugees, Jews, Christians, Arabs, and Druzes, plain human beings and important personalities. Thus it offers a view of the exciting contrasts in Israel.

Leo Deuel, ed. *The Treasures of Time*. This volume presents first-hand accounts by famous archaeologists of their work in the Near East. It contains, for instance, contributions by such outstanding authors as Nelson Glueck, Millar Burrows, and Heinrich Schliemann.

Abraham Milgram, ed. *An Anthology of Medieval Hebrew Literature*. In nine chapters, preceded by an introductory statement, the editor has assembled samples of the work of famous medieval Jewish poets, philosophers, mystics, and legal authorities. Included are also prayers, hymns, dirges, chronicles, travellers' accounts, and folk tales.

Erwin I. J. Rosenthal, *Judaism and Islam*, describes the contributions that both religious faiths have made to the enrichment of human life.

The Cohen Library will close on June 15 and will reopen after the summer recess on September 15. May I wish all my readers a most pleasant and healthful vacation.

— Hilde Kisch, librarian

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The final meeting of the Hebrew Speaking Circle was held on May 23. A very stimulating program was carried out at the meetings under the guidance of Dr. Aaron Giat. Throughout the year, the group studied the poems of Bialik and also read and interpreted a modern Israeli newspaper.

Next fall classes will resume, and it is probable that the works of Bialik, his style of writing, idioms and references to the Bible will once again be the subject for discussion.

The members of the group wish to express their gratitude to Rabbi Judah Nadich and to Dr. Aaron Giat for their encouragement and assistance.

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Mr. and Mrs. Club

Elections on June 5

At the time of this printing, the Mr. and Mrs. Club has not held its election of officers and members of the Board of Directors. The Election-Cocktail meet-

ing of the club is scheduled to take place on Tuesday evening, June 5, 1962. The Bulletin will carry the complete list of those elected in its first fall issue.

We Take Pride
In Our Members.....

Mr. Irving Mitchell Felt, elected president elect for 1962-1963 of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

Judge Irving Kaufman, who received an honorary degree at the Commencement exercises of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Mr. Arthur B. Krim, who was the chairman of the birthday tribute in honor of President Kennedy on May 19 at Madison Square Garden.

Mr. Albert A. List, who contributed funds for the construction of the Albert A. List building of the Jewish Museum at Fifth Avenue and 92 Street. Mr. and Mrs. List received the Solomon Schechter Medal of the Seminary, and a plaque signifying the completion of the Albert A. List Scholarship in the Rabbinical School.

Children's Exhibit
At Jewish Museum

An exhibit of tapestries created by more than 750 children, age 7-16, attending Jewish religious schools in the metropolitan area is now on view at The Jewish Museum of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street.

The theme, LET THERE BE BREAD, was selected to highlight the campaign of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, "Freedom from Hunger". It also emphasizes one of man's oldest prayers expressed in the traditional blessing, "Blessed are thou, O Lord, our God, who brings forth bread from the earth".

The unique aspect of the exhibit is the experimental diversity of the selected works, both in choice of expression within the tapestry format and in the interpretation of the theme itself. Techniques vary from the woven hooked rug, crewel work, embroidery on scrim to collages in flat and bas-relief surfaces. These works which are of exceedingly high quality reflect the imagination and ingenuity of the participating groups. The exhibit will remain on view in the third floor east wing of The Jewish Museum for an indefinite period.

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood is happy to announce that "Mr. President" has been chosen for its annual brunch and theater party to be held on Wednesday, November 28. A musical comedy written by Lindsay and Crouse, "Mr. President" will be directed by Joshua Logan. Irving Berlin has written the score and music. We are certain that you will want to reserve the date and plan to join your friends on this gala occasion.

Chairman of the Theatre-Brunch Party is Mrs. Herman J. Bronstein; co-chairman, Mrs. Jacob Leiman.

On Tuesday, May 22, Sisterhood held its annual party at the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind in Yonkers. As always, the visit was a rewarding experience for all who attended.

Parents Association

The Parents Association is happy to announce that Mr. Martin Leichtling, principal of the Park Avenue Religious School, was honored by the Jewish Education Committee on May 24.

A tribute for "Dedicated Services to the Ideals of Parent-Teacher Relationship" was presented to Mr. Leichtling and to three other principals. The guest speaker, Dr. Maurice J. Bloom, spiritual leader of Tremont Temple, spoke on "Akibas of Today—Our Religious School Teachers."

We of the Parents Association offer our sincerest congratulations to Mr. Leichtling, the guiding light of our Religious School.

Rabbi Ritterband Speaker At Open Meeting

On Wednesday evening, May 24, the Parents Association held its final open meeting of the year. Those who attended listened to an inspiring talk by Rabbi Paul Ritterband, principal of the Milton Steinberg Central High School of Jewish Studies. A spirited question and answer period followed the discussion, which was unusually interesting. Our thanks to Rabbi Ritterband for his splendid talk.

Preceding the address by Rabbi Ritterband, a business meeting was held, and the slate of officers and members of the Board of Directors for the coming year was presented by Mrs. Albert Cornell, chairman of the Nominating Committee. The complete list of those elected appears on another page of this Bulletin.

— Abby Kirsch

A Note from The Editor

It seems only yesterday that our first Bulletin arrived in your homes in September, and now it is time to say goodbye until fall.

I hope that our Bulletins have been sufficiently interesting, newsy and eye-appealing to have resulted in your reading the issues. Within its pages, the Bulletins have recorded the events of our congregation, the programs of the various arms; articles of religious, social and cultural interest; news items of interest about our members of which we were justly proud; happy moments and memorable occasions.

Almost daily we receive requests for our Bulletins from synagogues throughout the country, whose leaders are kind enough to say that they find our issues "full of fine ideas". Upon the occasion of our printing two articles on "Tax Laws Favor Gifts to Your Place of Worship", we received favorable comment not only from our congregants, but from many synagogues in the area. The United Synagogue of America asked permission to reprint both articles and to send copies throughout the country. The information on this subject was taken from an article prepared by our treasurer, Mr. Milton M. Sivek, for the Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests of which the Honorable Maxwell Shapiro is chairman.

This year our Bulletins have numbered six, eight and ten pages, and our May 15th issue reached a new high—twelve news-crammed pages! To our old friends, we express our gratitude for welcoming our Bulletins into their homes; to our new friends, we express our gratitude for their interest and friendship.

And now my personal thanks to the representatives of the various arms of the synagogue for meeting that dreaded "deadline"; to Rabbi Judah Nadich for his fine articles of religious content and interest; to Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, for his continuous encouragement; to Mr. Martin Leichtling, our executive secretary, for his timely news items; and to Miss Rivia Lea Shapiro for her valuable help in proof reading.

Have a wonderful summer! The next issue of the Bulletin will reach you early in September and will bring you complete information about the High Holy Day services as well as news gleaned over the summer months.

— Rhea M. Ruttenberg

Religious School News

Registration Now for September

The School Office will be open during the month of June for registration of new students in the Religious School for the year beginning September 1962. We are accepting students for the Primary, Hebrew and Milton Steinberg High School Departments.

Members of the congregation are urged to advise their friends and relatives in the community that children of non-members may be enrolled in the school.

Registration may be made on the telephone (EN 9-2600) or in person at the School Office between 3:00 p.m. every afternoon.

School Closing

The Hebrew Department will hold its final session on Thursday, June 14.

— Martin Leichtling

Milton Steinberg High School of Jewish Studies

We are pleased to announce that fifty students are currently enrolled in the Milton Steinberg School in a course of Jewish studies which includes the Hebrew language and literature, Bible, Rabbinics, history and religion. In addition to the courses for graduates of the elementary schools of sponsoring congregations, the school has conducted an extremely successful Ulpan for students without a prior background in Hebrew.

Plans are underway for a possible work-study group in Israel for the summer of 1963, which we hope will materialize. One of our teachers will leave us this fall to settle in Israel. We hope to see him during the summer of 1963, when the students in the school will be in *Eretz Yisrael* for a work-study tour of the land.

Dates of High Holy Days

This year the High Holy Days will come comparatively late. The eve of *Rosh Hashanah* will occur on Friday, September 28, with the holiday continuing on Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30. *Kol Nidre* evening will be on Sunday, October 7, and *Yom Kippur* will continue on Monday, October 8. Of course, the details about the High Holy Day Services will appear in the first post summer issue of the Bulletin.

Convention of World Council of Synagogues Held in Jerusalem

The Annual Convention of the World Council of Synagogues met in Jerusalem from May 29 to May 31. This is an organization of conservative synagogues in the various countries of the world. Of course, the largest group of synagogues affiliated with the World Council is the United Synagogue of America, the National Organization of Conservative Synagogues in this country with which Park Avenue Synagogue is affiliated. Our congregation was represented at the convention, the first of its kind held in Israel, by Mr. and Mrs. Saul Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Oseas, and Mrs. Barnett Kopelman. Mr. Godwin is Vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of our synagogue; Mr. Oseas is a member of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Kopelman is past national president of the Women's League of the United Synagogue of America.

The convention was addressed by the President of Israel, the Prime Minister, the Minister for Religious Affairs, and Professors Abraham J. Heschel and Simon Greenberg of the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

A highlight of the convention was the opening of the American Students' Center on May 30, a new building in the university area of Jerusalem erected by the Seminary and the Conservative Movement in this country.

Eternal Light Radio Summer Program

The Eternal Light Radio Program heard every Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. EDT over WNBC—660 on the radio dial will once again present "The Words We Live By", a series of discussions between two distinguished men of letters, Professor Mark Van Doren and Maurice Samuel. The topic this year is "Democracy and the Bible". The series which began on May 27 will continue through September 2.

The discussions will focus on three areas: The evolution of democracy, an exploration of the change in concept of democracy as a way of life; democracy as it evolves in the Bible and influences modern democratic thinking; and the unfinished business of the Bible and democracy.

United Parent Teachers Honor Mr. Leichtling

On May 24, the United Parent-Teachers Association of Jewish Schools paid tribute to four principals of Religious Schools, among whom was our executive secretary and Religious School principal, Mr. Martin Leichtling. The tribute for "Dedicated Services to The Ideals of Parent-Teacher Relationship" was presented to Mr. Leichtling by Mrs. Sigmund A Siegel, chairman of the School Board of Park Avenue Synagogue. Mrs. Siegel pointed out that our Religious School has become one of the best schools in the country, due in a great measure to the far-reaching and excellent program under the guidance of Mr. Leichtling, who has been the principal of the school since 1948.

A large group of members of the Parents Association of Park Avenue Synagogue attended the meeting to pay tribute to Mr. Leichtling, who serves on the Advisory Board of the Parents Association.

— RMR

UJA: Giving Is Living

I am happy to take this opportunity to thank all Sisterhood volunteer workers and those from the Parents Association for their dedication and cooperation in the 1962 Women's Division of the UJA campaign.

The needs this year are more urgent than ever because our fellow Jews are once more on the march. Their forced exodus from their homes and, in many cases, their separation from their dear ones, is indeed tragic.

For many of us, our own summer exodus is about to begin. I am therefore taking the liberty of urging all of you who have not yet made your 1962 pledges to UJA to do so now. You can be certain that all contributions received at this time will be added to the many that we have already received and will play a major role in this year's life-saving work. To quote from a recent sermon by Rabbi Nadich: "Giving is Living".

My co-chairman, Mrs. Joel Levitt, and the chairman of the Parents Association, Mrs. Albert Cornell, join me in wishing you all a very happy and healthful summer.

— Anne Rudell

Adult Students Receive Merit Citations

A group of women who have been studying Hebrew for a minimum of two years in the Adult Education program at Park Avenue Synagogue, recently received Merit Citations. These were awarded by the Adult Education Commission of the New York Metropolitan Region of the United Synagogue of America, in connection with the first city-wide *Siyum* of the region. Men and women pursuing courses of Jewish study at some forty Conservative congregations in the New York area were given this recognition.

The women who received the certificates were: Mrs. Elinor Adler, Mrs. Elaine Bienenstock, Mrs. Elizabeth Cats, Mrs. Jacqueline Engelhardt, Mrs. Roslyn Fishman, Mrs. Toni Kleinman, Mrs. Rachel Leiter.

Albert A. List Building Of Jewish Museum

Cornerstone Laid

On Sunday, May 20, 1962, the cornerstone was laid for the Albert A. List Building of the Jewish Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America at Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street. The main building of the Jewish Museum is the former Warburg mansion, and the new building is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List, members of Park Avenue Synagogue. Upon the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone, the principal speakers were the Hon. Herbert H. Lehman and Dr. Stephen S. Kayser, Museum Curator. Mr. Arthur Katz, executive Vice-president of the Seminary, extended greetings.

YM-YWHA Operates Teenage Day Camp

A summer day camp for teenagers will be operated at the 92nd Street YM-YWHA for eight weeks from July 2 to August 24, divided into two periods of four weeks each.

Camp Tzena is for boys and girls between the ages of thirteen and sixteen. The young people will be taken each day to the camp site at Pearl River. Further information may be obtained by telephoning the Membership Department at the Y (AT 9-2400).

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Aaron upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Clarence S. Barasch upon his fiftieth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Emma upon the birth of a son.

Dr. and Mrs. Mattis Fern upon the birth of a daughter, Jacqueline Sherry.

Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Glassman upon the birth of a grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Gluckin upon their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gluckman upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. William Karmioli upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Leiman upon the birth of a son; Mrs. Jacob Leiman upon the birth of a grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Robbins upon their fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow upon their forty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Morris D. Stolz upon his fifty-fifth birthday.

Jewish Theological Seminary

Seminary Library

A facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible was presented recently to the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The Gutenberg Bible is the earliest, greatest and considered the most beautiful book ever printed. Eight pages of the original edition are included in the library collection, a donation of the late Mortimer M. Schiff.

The Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America houses the largest collection of Hebraica and Judaica in the world. It is open to qualified scholars for study and reference purposes Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June Anniversaries And Birthdays

Since this is the final issue of the Bulletin until September, we are printing the list of milestone anniversaries and birthdays which will be celebrated in June:

Dr. and Mrs. Emanuel Applebaum upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Broverman upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Mack H. Fieber upon their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Foa upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Honig upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kurzon upon their forty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Seymour Lorberbaum upon his fiftieth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Meyers upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Dr. Jacob L. Oberman upon his forty-fifth birthday.

Honorable and Mrs. Simon Rifkind upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Seligson upon their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Silberman upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Scheiner upon their tenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Scholem upon their tenth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Gustave Yuder upon his sixty-fifth birthday.

Memorial Tablets

To keep alive the precious memory of our beloved departed is a sacred rite in Jewish tradition. You can perpetuate the memory of dear ones by inscribing their names on our bronze *Yahrzeit* Memorial Tablets.

Sixteen Scholarships For Study in Israel

Eleven USY'ers and five members of Atid, the United Synagogue's college-age organization, received scholarships for a year of study in Israel with the Leaders Training Institute from Abroad.

The program, beginning in August, includes five months of study, five months of work on a kibbutz, and two months of summation or specialized activity.

After graduation, candidates must return to the United States for at least two years of remunerated service with USY, Atid or one of their related organizations.

Condolences

Dr. Joseph Q. Jonas upon the death of his father, John J. Jonas.

Mrs. Samuel R. Kan upon the death of her husband.

Rabbi Judah Nadich upon the death of his father, Isaac Nadich.

Dr. Nahum Winer upon the death of his brother, Wolf Winer.

Yizkor Memorial Prayers

will be recited on the second day of Shavuot

Saturday morning, June 9

Those wishing to memorialize any member of their family are asked to return the enclosed card at once.

Cards cannot be accepted during the service.

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